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## Hunting Christmas Gifts? Post-Dispatch Ads Are a Guide.

### TRAIN ROBBERY IN THE CITY.

MEMPHIS EXPRESS HELD UP AT  
BATES STREET.  
ROBBERS WERE NOT EXPERTS.

A Gardener Scared Them Off With His  
Gun and the Police Are  
in the Dark.

Eight of the city's transient horde of high-  
waymen who are resting here between peni-  
tentiary sentences because they have little  
to fear from the police, tried their hands at  
train robbery Wednesday night.

The affair was a fiasco. The footpads,  
whom terror of the police could not deter  
from train robbery within the city's limits,  
lost their nerve in tackling a train-load of  
people and were scared off by a pistol shot,  
after they had spent fifteen minutes in a  
bungling attempt to blow the express safe.

Bates street crossing, 5600 South Broad-  
way, just on this side of Carondelet, was  
the scene of the hold-up.

A few minutes before 9 o'clock train No.  
65, the through Memphis Express on the  
St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern  
Railroad, swung past the Bates street plat-  
form and into the city beyond.

George Mattis was pounding along at full  
speed when he saw the flash of a red  
light ahead and then a lantern swung regu-  
larly back and forth across the track. He  
reversed his lever, applied the air brakes  
and brought the train to a sudden stop.

### "RANNY" HUTCHINSON NOT HEARD FROM.

HE IS A MINING ENGINEER IN  
THE MEXICO MOUNTAINS.  
HIS PARENTS ARE UNEASY.

He Was to Have Been in St. Louis for  
Thanksgiving, but No Word  
Has Been Received.

### ZULUS AT WAR.

Five Hundred British Soldiers Are  
Marching Against 30,000 Mur-  
derous Africans.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 10.—Advices from  
Blantyre, the chief town of British Cen-  
tral Africa, dated Oct. 25, announce the  
despatch of three British columns against  
the Angoni Zulus under Chief Chikusi, who  
has invaded Southwest Nyassaland and  
burned a British missionary station, besides  
massacring the inhabitants of a number  
of villages. The Portuguese at Fete have in-  
vited the co-operation of the British. Chi-  
kusi commands 30,000 warriors and the  
British troops number only about 500.

### DWINDLED TO NOTHING.

The Baxter Springs Bank Went Com-  
pletely Broke.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 10.—An examination  
of the assets of the recently failed Baxter  
Springs Bank, of which Col. Alex. Warner  
was President, reveals but \$25 in cash  
on hand. The capital stock of the bank was  
\$50,000.

### INVENTED NITRO-GLYCERINE.

Alfred Nobe Expires at San Reno,  
Italy.

NICE, Dec. 10.—Alfred Nobe, the inventor  
of nitro-glycerine, died last evening at San  
Reno, Italy.



MRS. JOSEPH DE LA MAR.

She is said to be the most admired American woman in Paris. The Frenchmen  
simply rave over her. Captain and Mrs. De la Mar have just secured a fine  
hotel at No. 29 Avenue Niel, in Paris, where they will live during the ensuing  
year. Mrs. De la Mar is now 22 years old, and has a profusion of fair hair, regular  
features and a perfect complexion.

### THE POLICE MUST BE PROTECTED.

OFFICERS ARE CAUTIONED AGAINST  
VENTURING OUT ON THE STREETS  
ALONE AFTER DARK.

BURGLARS AND  
TRAINROBBERS  
WILL PLEASE  
KEEP OUT  
OF THE POLICE.

### BURGLAR BROKE UP THE EUCHRE PARTY.

SCARED A NURSEGIRL INTO A  
FAINT AND THEN FLED.

A NEIGHBORHOOD IN UPROAR.

After Awhile the Customary Police-  
man Strolled Along and Looked  
Vaguely for His Man.

A burglar frightened one woman into in-  
sensibly, scared a whole family, broke up  
a progressive euchre party on West Belle  
place and aroused the entire neighborhood  
early Wednesday night.

During the excitement the burglar made  
his escape, and the police have but a meager  
description of him.

Shortly after 8 o'clock the dog began cry-  
ing. Although he was locked in the back  
yard, his cries were so loud as to prevent  
the children on the second floor from going  
to sleep.

Miss Mary Biebel, the nurse, was dis-  
turbed by the noise and went to see what  
the matter was. She carried a candle in her hand, and finally  
located the puppy behind the furnace. As  
she stooped over to chastise him, she met  
herself suddenly embraced by a pair of  
strong arms.

Her captor drew her to him and blew out  
the candle, leaving the place in utter dark-  
ness. She was released by the burglar, who  
then fled.

The nurse was frightened almost out of  
her wits. She screamed for help, and the  
children, who were in the kitchen and  
heard the shrieks, rushed to the door.

Just as they came to the cellar door and  
saw the nurse girl lying prostrate on the  
floor, they saw a man rush out of the side  
door.

"A burglar," they shouted in unison,  
"at the top of their voices," and he has gone  
out at the side door."

Leaving the house in a faint they  
ran out front, and shouted for the police.  
Across the street from the Abeles resi-  
dence, at 400 West Belle place, lives Mr.  
and Mrs. William Butterfield. A progres-  
sive euchre party was in progress there,  
and while Mrs. Butterfield was passing  
through the front hall she heard the cries.

She divined the situation in an instant  
and ran upstairs for her police whistle. Re-  
turning to her front door she blew it vigor-  
ously three or four times.

While doing so she saw a man running  
down the street directly towards her. The  
man was a man of particular build, and  
Mrs. Butterfield paid no attention to



St. Louis will be in disgrace directly if something is not done to protect her defenseless defenders. A  
stockade is suggested where they might be safely housed at night when robbers roam the streets.

### MACEO'S DEATH IS CONFIRMED.

HIS PERSONAL PHYSICIAN TELLS  
THE NEWS.

DR. ZERTUCHA CAPTURED.

He Says the Cuban General Was Killed  
by Bullets in the Neck  
and Abdomen.

HAVANA, Dec. 10.—Dr. Maxim Zortucha,  
who was the personal physician of Anto-  
nio Maceo, has surrendered to Col. Tori,  
the Spanish commander at San Felipe, this  
province. The doctor confirms the an-  
nouncement that Maceo was killed on Dec.  
7, near Punta Brava, in an engagement be-  
tween the insurgents and a Spanish col-  
umn, commanded by Maj. Cirujeda.

Dr. Zortucha says that Maceo was shot in  
the chin, the bullet breaking his jaw and  
passing out near the neck and shoulders.  
A second bullet wounded him in the ab-  
domen.

### UNDERGROUND TROLLEY.

Three Lines in New York Will Adopt  
the System.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—After wrangling for  
two days over the question of increasing  
the capital stock of the Metropolitan Street  
Car Co., which has succeeded to the power  
and holdings of the Metropolitan Traction  
Co., the directors have announced that they  
have decided to place the underground trol-  
ley system upon the line on Fourth, Sixth  
and Eighth avenues, where horses are now  
used. But to do this they must have money,  
and to get money they must increase their  
capital stock.

### ST. LOUIS THIRD BRIDGE.

Congressman Murphy Thinks the Bill  
Will Pass.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—Congress-  
man Murphy of East St. Louis has suc-  
ceeded in getting consent of the conferees on  
the third bridge bill to take it up for con-  
sideration at an early day. He thinks the  
three-quarter-mile class objection can be  
surmounted and in this event the bill will  
have little opposition.

### Government Cotton Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The cotton crop  
report averages is 10 1/2 compared with last  
year. Total crop for 1910 is 7,161,000 bales.

### THE WEATHER FOR TO-DAY.

FAIR AND WARM.  
The Weather Bureau forecasts are  
as follows:  
For St. Louis and vicinity—Fair and con-  
tinued warm weather Thursday night and  
Friday.  
For Missouri and Illinois—Continued fair  
weather Thursday night and Friday, with  
slight chances in the morning.  
The pressure remains high over the  
Region and Middle and West  
States, and also in the British  
Isles. It has risen in the North and  
the Middle and Southern States.  
Warm weather prevails generally  
in the East and Atlantic States,  
temperatures have fallen some-  
what.

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### BEWARE OF THE FREE PASS.

IT IS THE MEANS BY WHICH LOB-  
BYISTS ARE CAUGHT.  
HOW THE LOBBY WORKS IT.  
Voters of Missouri Should Keep Their  
Eyes Fixed on the Senate  
This Winter.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.  
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 10.—In his  
closing message to the General Assembly  
it is believed that Gov. Stone will again  
call attention to the necessity of enact-  
ing a Fellow-Servant law applicable to rail-  
roads. The railroad lobbyists are anticipat-  
ing such a move on the part of the Gov-  
ernor, and taking steps to again defeat the  
people.

It is nearly twenty years since the first  
effort was made in the Missouri Legislature  
to enact such a law and in every instance  
the lobby triumphed. The people seem  
to forget and overlook things, but it is evi-  
dent that the lobby never sleeps. Three  
Chief Executives—Govs. Marmaduke, Mor-  
house and Stone—in their time measured  
swords with the lobby, and met defeat  
through the treachery of members of the  
Legislature.

Those who have been canvassing the mat-  
ter to some extent say there is no doubt  
that the new House of Representatives is  
composed of men who will enact a good  
Fellow-Servant law, and then they add with  
the same breath that the Senate is doubtful.  
And here the matter will rest for the pres-  
ent.

At the close of the special session, in 1905,  
when the lobby forced an adjournment in  
order to defeat fellow-servant legislation,  
the Post-Dispatch promised the Republican  
members of the House who have aided the  
lobby, that the people would re-  
member them the next time they stuck up  
their heads for office, and the election re-  
turns make good the prophecy. Out of  
seventy-eight of the Republican members of  
the last House, but fifty of Buchanan,  
Brett of Andrew, Tubbs of Orange, Denison  
of Grunsky, Mueller of St. Charles, Baughner  
of Washington, Johnson of St. Louis Coun-  
ty and Bohannan and Schumacher of St. Louis  
are left as relics.

Tubbs fought the lobby from start to  
finish, and in fact, all the notorious tools  
of the railroads were defeated. Many of  
them could not even secure a renomination,  
and those who did were mercilessly snowed  
under at the polls.

It would seem that this lesson should prove  
a warning to the holdover Senators who are  
not seeking political oblivion. The indica-  
tions are, however, that some of them have  
both feet in the lobby trap and will not  
be able to extricate themselves. It is not  
on record that any member of the Missouri  
Legislature who ever once surrendered to the  
railroad lobby was afterwards able to  
throw off the chains. "Once a tool of the  
lobby, always a tool of the lobby," has been  
the rule in the past, with no exceptions.

To write a history of the growth and won-  
derful success of the railroad lobby in Mis-  
souri would require a good-sized volume. It  
dates back into the 60s when railroad prop-  
erty, upon which the State held a large  
mortgage, was sold for a song and millions  
of dollars of indebtedness saddled upon the  
people. Then there was a lull for a time and  
it was not until about 1870 that a perpetual  
lobby was organized. Col. John O'Day and  
Spratfield, Mo., was the first general to or-  
ganize a lobby which has never been broken  
to this day. He was the Napoleon of the  
lobby, and the others merely followed his  
lead. It was Col. O'Day who wrote the  
legislation which gave the railroads the right  
of eminent domain and taught verand members  
of the Legislature how to make  
speeches and load measures down with  
amendments guaranteed to prove their  
strength. Other methods have been adopted  
since Col. O'Day was displaced, but it was  
his master hand that formed all the organic  
plans which led to success in so many con-  
tests during the past eighteen years. He  
taught his students in the lobby how to mix  
politics with business and gave the right kind  
of men elected to office as far as possible.  
He was never defeated in the Legislature,  
although in 1887 he was forced to accept a  
compromise.

It is now nearly ten years since Col.  
O'Day's relations with the Missouri Legisla-  
tive railroad lobby ceased. All of the effec-  
tive methods resorted to by him have been  
carefully preserved and many new fea-  
tures added.

The power of a railroad pass in defeating  
such legislation as the lobby condemns, is  
little understood by the public. There are  
many ingenious ways known to the lobby  
of trapping unwary members of the Legisla-  
ture with a free railroad pass as a bait.  
Most of the new members of the Legislature  
will receive a misnomer through the mail dur-  
ing the present month in the shape of a  
plain envelope with a railroad pass in-  
cluded therein. In most instances there  
will be nothing to indicate the identity of  
the generous donor. The pass itself will  
inform the recipient that he is entitled to  
free transportation to Jefferson City. Some  
of them will provide for ten round trips.  
This is the first bait prepared for new mem-  
bers of the Assembly, and it is wonderful  
how many fish bite.

The lobby promoters reason this way:  
Now here is a man whom we don't know  
anything about or how he will vote. The  
probabilities are that he will be against us  
unless we trap him. After receiving our  
pass he will ponder over the gift for some  
time, and finally conclude that as he has  
not yet taken the oath of office, and cannot  
be unseated until after he arrives at Jeffers-  
on City, there can be no possible harm in avail-  
ing himself of its privileges.

Unfortunately for the public, this line of  
reasoning often proves true, and the lobby



member of the Assembly rides to Jefferson City on the pass so mysteriously furnished him, he has unwittingly placed himself at the mercy of the lobby, no matter if he never uses the pass again. The only hope for escape at this stage of the game is for him to refuse to draw the mileage allowed him by law and then openly defy the lobby. He cannot use his pass without the lobby knowing it, and if he draws the mileage allowed him by law, as all members do, this fact will be brought to his attention at some convenient time by an emissary of the lobby, and he will be threatened with exposure if he fails to do its bidding.

The men who have the courage to stand up and fight for the people under such circumstances are few—in fact there is no record in Missouri of such an event. The chances are that the victim, believing that all is lost, will soon become a part of the chancellery of the lobby and serve it no faithfully as to win the contumely of his constituents long before his session ends.

When the lobby fails to catch a new member in the method described, an effort will be made during the session to induce him to ask free transportation for some member of his family, if possible, or some friend, and then this club, if he accepts the bait, is ever after held over his head.

Failing to catch the victim in the first two traps named, an effort will next be made to induce him to apply for a thousand mile ticket through the lobby. If he does so he will receive it, and he will never be asked to pay for it if he happens to make use of it, for this latter act will afford some leverage for the lobby to get him within its clutches.

These are only a few of the methods resorted to by the railroad lobby, which infests Jefferson City at every session of the Legislature, to strangle legislation. It has gained strength from year to year, and extended its ramifications to include many subjects of legislation entirely foreign to railroad corporations. It has grown bolder and more defiant from one session to the other, until of late years it has been able in a large measure to dictate all legislation. The Democrats will be in complete control of both branches of the new Legislature. It is no secret that the railroads combined with the Republicans and Democratic assistant Republicans in a most desperate attempt to dislodge the Democrats from power in Missouri, and yet the railroad lobby will be on hand at Jefferson City a day or two before the Assembly convenes and attempt to dictate the organization and pack the important committees for the purpose of defeating all legislation calculated to curb the greed of corporations. One would think that the railroad lobby would not dare to show its head in an Assembly controlled by a party whom it tried by all fair and foul means to defeat. But the Missouri railroad lobby was never noted for modesty. It will be present when the Assembly convenes and remain until it adjourns and the fact is established just how many members have proved true and how many false to their constituents.

#### THE COTTON CROP.

The Average Yield This Year and Total of 1895.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The December returns to the statistical division of the Department of Agriculture shows a considerable improvement in the condition of the cotton crop as compared with the department's last report. This applies especially to North Carolina, Florida and Georgia, where the conditions have been favorable to maturity of the top crop. Many reports have been received from the States showing a large acreage of this year and that dry fall favors the maturing of the crop. From reports received to date some 2,000,000 bales of cotton are expected to be produced in the States of Alabama, Mississippi and Texas. The weather has been generally favorable for the maturing of the crop. The following is the reported yield by States, as compared with last year:

Alabama, 116; Arkansas, 112; Florida, 110; Georgia, 110; Indian Territory, 118; Louisiana, 132; Mississippi, 112; Missouri, 110; North Carolina, 109; Oklahoma, 130; South Carolina, 116; Tennessee, 113; Texas, 123; Virginia, 118. The general average is 112.2. The department's final estimate of the crop of 1895, based on the general average, is 112.2. The movement from each State is as follows: Alabama, 93,916; Arkansas, 53,980; Florida, 28,722; Georgia, 1,07,171; Indian Territory, 18,688; Kansas, 112; Louisiana, 51,843; Mississippi, 102,835; Missouri, 11,816; North Carolina, 87,761; Oklahoma, 14,101; South Carolina, 74,701; Tennessee, 372,580; Texas, 1,06,387; Utah, 10; and Virginia, 7,864 bales. Total crop, 7,181,094 bales.

#### PEORIA CONFERENCE.

Complaints Against Chicago Drainage Canal to Be Aired.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 10.—Many delegates are arriving to attend the Illinois Valley Conference this afternoon to take action in reference to the grievances against the trustees of the Chicago Drainage District, and the proceedings that there will be a full representation of seventy-two gentlemen from twenty-three cities and towns. E. J. Ward of Marseilles, who was assistant engineer of the sanitary district for five years, is to make the active part in the proceedings, and he has many maps and charts hanging up on the walls of the City Council Chamber, where the conference will be held. He charges that no more than 125,000 cubic feet per minute can be discharged through the drainage channels, instead of a minimum of 300,000 required by law; that no provision is made to protect John from an overflow, and that with fixed bridges twenty-two feet above the water navigation will be hindered.

#### FORMAN'S CHANCES.

They Are Considered Very Slim at the Present Time.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—The friends of W. S. Forman of Illinois believe now that he cannot be confirmed. A quiet poll of the Senate reveals such strong opposition that it is said the President has been asked to withhold his nomination as long as possible. Senator Palmer is actively working for Forman, but the opposition will not have him.

Stephen C. Woodson, the banker goldbug of St. Joseph, who is after the Post-office, called on Senators Cockrell and Vest to assure him if possible whether they would oppose him if he was nominated. He received no satisfaction. The conference of Postmaster Atkinson does not expire until Jan. 1.

The recess appointees of President Cleveland are coming to lobby with the Senate for confirmation. Attorney H. F. Childers of New Mexico joined the crowd today.

The protest of the Silver Democrats against the confirmation of Postmaster Overstreet of Indiana will probably defeat his confirmation.

#### FATAL PRAIRIE FIRE.

Parents Were Away and Children Burned to Death.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Dec. 10.—The two children of William Haddock, living near Haddock, Seminole Nation, were burned to death by a prairie fire, while Mr. and Mrs. Haddock were away from home. The children, a boy and a girl, aged 13 and 14 respectively, were in the house when flames from a fire in the house took them and burned them to death beneath.



## IT WILL PAY TO TAKE TIME BY THE FORELOCK AND SELECT CHRISTMAS GIFTS WHILE BARR'S GRAND STOCKS ARE UNBROKEN.

Tempting items from our

### Cloak-Suit Dept.

At \$2.98

Jackets worth \$5.00

Black Beaver Jackets—straight high fronts—large buttons—large storm collar—all right. All sizes.

At \$5.00

Jackets worth \$7.50

Handsome Rough Boucle Jackets that haven't been in the department a week yet. All sizes, and all you want.

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Just the thing to slip on and run down town in or for traveling.

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Ladies' Suits worth \$6.50

Black and Navy Blue Cloth Suits—stylish and good for these mild days. All sizes.

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Separate Skirts

worth \$4.00

Good Black Brilliantine Skirts, rustled and velvet bound, all lengths—about 20 all told.

At 98c

Flannelette Wrappers

worth \$1.25

Just arrived—about 200 dozen fresh, bright, attractive, and right in every way—rare value.

At 98c

Children's Dresses

worth \$1.75

Too many different sorts to describe. By all means see them immediately. All sizes of course.

At \$1.25

Girls' Reefer

worth \$2.00

Navy Blue Chevrolt—sizes 4 to 10 years—great.

GIFTS that never come amiss are quoted at amazingly little prices at **EMBROIDERY DEPARTMENT.**

Point Applique Bureau Sets (4 pieces)—a Scarf 54x18 inches and 3 Small Mats to match in all White, Pink, L. Blue and Old Gold.

98c Complete Set, instead of \$1.50.

One Lot same number of pieces but finer quality.

\$1.25 Complete Set, instead of \$2.00.

45-inch Apron Material, H. S. Border.

6-inch work above Hem.

A Special for this week at 75c apron length (1 1/2 yards.)

THE best and most practical present for a lady is a nice **OSTRICH BOA.** We have them in all prices, from \$4.98 to \$25.00 each.

**P. S.—ALL OUR BOAS ARE WARRANTED PRIME STOCK.**

We can give you a big bargain in an Ostrich Boa, in black, white and black and white mixed, at \$1.49, goods that cost double that amount to import.

PUT up in neat boxes, are thousands of pretty Dress Patterns in the **WASHABLE** Fabrics, most serviceable and appropriate for house gowns. What could be more acceptable than

American or German Calico, all the way from 50c to \$1.00 a dress

An English Cambric, nicely boxed and lined, at \$1.25

Two Hundred Fine Haviland China Dinner Sets and One Hundred and Fifty New Style Haviland China Tea Sets At About 35¢ on the \$.

These are the choicest patterns made by this celebrated firm, and the orders from Eastern firms, more or less embarrassed, having been canceled while the goods were in transit to this country, Messrs. Haviland made this sacrifice offer to Barr's, and the China was shipped to us direct on its arrival in New York.

We have only time enough to name a few of the most important patterns. Come and see!

### DINNER SETS.

Haviland China Dinner Sets, with 113 pieces, in Blue Field Flower, Apple Blossoms and French Pinks and Roses, decorated on their beautiful "Ransom" shapes.

These sets include the following pieces:

12 Dinner Plates, 12 Breakfast Plates, 12 Tea Plates, 12 Soup Plates, 12 Soup Tureens, 12 Covered Dish, 2 Bakers, 12 Fruit Sippers, 12 Individual Dishes, 12 Cups and Saucers, 1 Pickle Dish, 18-inch Platter, 12-inch Platter, 10-inch Platter. The regular price of these sets has been from \$40.00 to \$75.00, your choice

Many Others at Equally Low Prices. Don't Forget Our Great Sale of Furniture and Toys on Third Floor and Its Christmas Gift Bargain Possibilities.



Complete, 56 pieces, including 12 Tea Cups and Saucers, 12 Fruits, 12 Tea Plates, 2 Bread Plates, 1 Sugar Bowl, 1 Tea Pot, 1 Cream Pitcher, and 1 Bowl, sold by all dealers at \$15.00.

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Barr's sale price \$35.00

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Barr's sale price \$35.00

### PUBLIC INTEREST.

Shown by Petitions to Congress on the

Dingley Bill, Cuba and Immigration.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—On the opening of the Senate to-day a motion by Mr. Aldrich, Rep., Rhode Island, was adopted that when the Senate adjourned to-day it be until Monday next.

The popular interest on various subjects of legislation was shown by the arrival of petitions received by the petition clerk. The main subjects of petition were for the passage of the Dingley bill, the independence of Cuba and the restriction of immigration.

The coming inauguration of Mr. McKinley was a subject of great interest, and Mr. Sherman, Rep., Ohio, and Mr. Aldrich, Rep., Rhode Island, were referred to, providing for a committee of three Senators to be in charge of the matter.

Mr. Cullum (Rep., Illinois) was then recognized for a speech on the Cuban question, of which the forenoon session was devoted to the public interest in the question was evidenced by a full attendance in the public galleries.

None of the forenoon session were in the gallery reserved for the public. Mr. Sherman, Mr. Hearst and Mr. Aldrich were present.

Resolved: By the Senate and House of Representatives, that the extinction of Spanish title and the termination of Spanish control of the islands at the gateway of the Gulf of Mexico are necessary to the welfare of those islands and to the people of the United States.

The Senate took up the immigration bill this afternoon. Mr. Gibson moved that the question go over until the first Monday of January, which occasioned sharp debate.

Mr. Gibson moved to postpone the consideration of the immigration bill to the first Monday in January, which motion was defeated, yeas 13; nays 17.

IN THE HOUSE.

The Catron Allen Land Bill Was Defeated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The House today resumed the consideration of bills under the call of committees. Mr. Boatner (Dem.) from the Fifth Louisiana District, whose seat was declared vacant at the last session, and who was re-elected at a special election, was sworn in immediately after the reading of the Journal.

Mr. Scranton (Rep.) of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Territories, then called up the bill to amend the act forbidding alien ownership of lands in the territories.

The bill sought to enable aliens to acquire title to real property under mortgage foreclosure but by the terms of the bill they must dispose of such title within ten years.

Mr. Hepburn (Rep.) of Iowa, caused something of a flurry by undertaking to arraign the supporters of the bill on the ground that they were proposing to give the platform bill against alien ownership.

Mr. Catron (Rep.) of New Mexico, the sponsor of the bill, declared that the bill did not permit alien ownership. It only permitted aliens in certain contingencies to hold real property for ten years. Its purpose, he said, was to enable the people of the territories to get some of the benefits of foreign capital.

After debate the bill was defeated.

### ARRESTED IN MISSOURI.

Man Wanted in Nebraska for Falsifying His Accounts.

NEVADA, Mo., Dec. 10.—Israel D. Higgins has been arrested on the charge of falsifying the records of a national bank at Potosi, Neb., in 1888, and is held here pending the issuance of an order of removal. Higgins filed the position of assistant cashier and when the bank failed was indicted for falsifying his accounts. He left the State and was only recently located in Jerico, where he had lived with his wife.

He was arrested by the Missouri State Marshal at St. Louis.

GONE DOWN IN A GALE.

Fate of an Italian Steamship Off the Spanish Coast.

CORRUNA, Spain, Dec. 10.—The Italian steamship Saller, the property of the North German Lloyd Company, has been foundered off the Spanish coast in the heavy gale recently. The steamer carried a crew of sixty to seventy men and was of 3,000 gross tons register. All hands were drowned. It is not known if she had any passengers on board.

UNKNOWN MAN KILLED.

Jumped Off a Train Coming From Texas to St. Louis.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

HARTSBURG, Mo., Dec. 10.—As passenger train east-bound on the M. & K. and T., was near Wilton, Mo., yesterday noon, while en route from Denison, Tex., to St. Louis, a male passenger about 40 years of age, of slight build, sandy mustache and dark hair, jumped off the train, inflicting injuries to his head and shoulders of which he died at 5 p. m. On his person was found nearly \$300 in cash, but nothing by which his name or former place of residence could be discovered.

SHOT HIMSELF.

Suicide of a Recently Married Man of Mascoutah.

MASCOUTAH, Ill., Dec. 10.—William Muck, about 30 years of age and in well-to-do circumstances, shot himself at his home here yesterday. He was alone at the time and the body was not found until late last night. Deceased recently married and appeared contented and happy. No cause is known for the act.

Bury Bee Bargain Day To-Morrow.

Peppermint Creams 10¢ a pound.

Appointed by the President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The President has nominated Benjamin K. Kibbey of Denver, Colo., also John G. Ostrander of Alaska, to be Commissioner in and for the District of Alaska, to reside at Juneau.

TO QUIT BUSINESS.

Receivers Appointed for an Ohio Banking Firm.

EAST LIVERPOOL, O., Dec. 10.—The banking house of Jonathan Esterly & Co. of Columbus, established by Jonathan Esterly in 1821, has failed, and the hands of receivers. The assets of the house are given as \$300,000, while the indebtedness to depositors is about \$165,000. The receivers are Josiah Rohrbaugh and Aaron Esterly, who are required to give \$25,000 bonds. It is said the appointment of the receivers is merely to wind up the business.

GOT HER DIVORCE.

Mrs. John Finney Legally Separated From Her Husband.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

PERRY, O. T., Dec. 10.—Mrs. Mary Finney, wife of John Finney, a well known St. Louis man, was granted a divorce here today at noon on the grounds of non-support. Finney failed to make an appearance. What was thought to be a week's sensational trial ended in half an hour.

ANNEXATION WANTED.

Honolulu Citizens Wish to Join the United States.

HONOLULU, Dec. 4, per steamer China to San Francisco, Dec. 10.—Annexation Club No. 2 of Honolulu has adopted resolutions declaring that it is still the earnest desire of Hawaiian residents to secure annexation to the United States, and urging the Hawaiian Government to press the matter upon the consideration of the American Congress.

United States Minister Willis has been confined to his home for five weeks with fever. His condition was at one time precarious, but it is now believed he will recover.

PHILIPPINE REBELLION.

Rebels Increasing in the Provinces, but Manila Is Safe.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 10.—The steamer McDuff, just arrived, brought news of the Philippine rebellion to Oct. 29. A correspondent of the Hong Kong Press writes from Manila under that date as follows: The rebels are still increasing in the provinces and the State of affairs is getting worse. Manila is quite safe and foreigners living here entertain no anxiety, as the city is well guarded by a cordon of Spanish soldiers. Passing along the streets in the day time no one would think there was any revolution in progress, for there is no sign of disturbance and the street traffic is as lively as ever. The volunteer corps conduct in some respects is open to censure. A dispatch from Iloilo, Formosa, dated Nov. 4, reads: After vigorous measures, the plague has been got under control.

FIGHTING IN MADAGASCAR.

English Residents Have a Narrow Escape From Massacre.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—Advices received from Antananarivo, capital of the island of Madagascar, announces that the insurgents, during the night of Nov. 15, looted Antananarivo, ten miles from Antananarivo. The insurgents captured forty prisoners

YOU'LL need 'em yet! These warm woolen shirts and drawers in

**MEN'S FURNISHING DEPARTMENT,** and because of the early season mild weather you can buy them at these remarkably low prices:

Men's full regular made Natural Wool Shirts and drawers, extra fine quality, cut from \$1.50 to close

Men's Flannel Over Shirts, come in fancy stripes and plaids

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# CITY NEWS.

## If Properly Oxygenated

The heart, by 100,000 beats, sends through the body nearly eight tons of blood every day—a host of diseases intrude to prevent iron and manganese at oxygen and carry it to the lungs. Therefore the safest, surest remedy to make pure blood is SILENT'S BEE'S PEPTONIZED IRON AND MANGANESE. Endorsed by doctors and sold by druggists at 75c.

## A TRAINER TURNED TRAITOR.

HE TELLS OF THE DEAL TO STEAL THE SHARKEY FIGHT.

THE GANG WAS DEAD BROKE.

A Mass of Corruption Being Stirred Up by Investigation—Teddies' Wonderful Riddling—General Sport

The only conclusion that can be arrived at regarding the Sharkey-Fitzsimmons fight is that the whole affair is rotten throughout, and that neither side ever expected or tried to win on legitimate lines.

It was a case of "rig" from the start to the finish, and seemed to have resolved itself more into an auction sale of perjury and lying, in which the highest bidder gets the choice of testimony made to order. The \$10,000 check is said to be in court pending the decision of an injunction suit. The Superior Court is hearing testimony from both sides, with a view to deciding which side shall get the \$10,000 in question. It has not been definitely stated as yet whether the court has put itself in the attitude of deciding a prize fight or not. Regarding the attitude of the court toward prize fighting it is certainly developing some most unusual testimony from those who were most closely identified with the fight.

"Australian" Billy Smith takes the stand and testifies that he was one of Sharkey's trainers. Lynch, Sharkey's backer, in speaking to him on the referee question, asked him if he knew Hiram Cook intimately enough to talk business to him. Smith admitted that he did not and Lynch afterwards characterized Cook as "no good."

Testifying further Smith states positively that when Sharkey was knocked down in the eighth round Lynch stood by him and said: "Lie down; hold your hand on your groin and pretend to faint." All of which as is well known Sharkey did with dramatic effect. He did it so well that he may justly be accused of desiring to rival Corbett as an actor as well as a prize-fighter.

Smith and George Allen, and other trainers are authorized by the statements that the foul blow was administered with a hypodermic syringe after Sharkey left the ring and was safe in his room under Mr. Lynch's watchful care.

These are a few of the facts or statements of alleged facts developed on one side. On the other hand, it is charged that Fitzsimmons bet Sharkey would stay six rounds. This Fitzsimmons denies most positively, and says that he did not win a cent on the result of the fight.

In the meantime attachments and garnishments are being clamped at Fitzsimmons and Lynch. One creditor if after "Fitz" for an old claim of \$900. Both deny the claim, and say that they have not a thing in the world but the clothes on their backs. Said claims the same thing, so it seems they are all hard enough up to go into any old job to make money.

The injunction case is still before the court.

## ALLEN TALKS.

He says Sharkey Was Fairly Whipped by "Fitz."

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 10.—In the Fitzsimmons-Sharkey conspiracy trial today George Allen, assistant trainer for Sharkey, testified that in the eighth round Fitzsimmons knocked Sharkey out completely. Fitzsimmons made no foul and as one of Sharkey's seconds he claimed none, but after Sharkey was knocked out, witness jumped into the ring and waved a towel as a token of surrender.

Witness said he and Billy Smith carried Sharkey into the dressing-room. Sharkey was limp and groaning, but the only marks of the fight were on his face. He said nothing about a foul blow, and when witness examined him there was no mark on his groin, which looked just the same as usual.

Sharkey was then dressed by witness and Billy Smith and taken to his hotel. Witness said that no marks on his groin were visible until after Dr. Rice was located with Sharkey. After the doctor left witness again saw Sharkey, whose groin was then covered with blood-stained cloths.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 10.—Harry Corbett is in receipt of a telegram from Jim Corbett authorizing him to make every effort to get on a match with Fitzsimmons, and as a result, Harry Corbett is out with the following:

"Corbett will meet Fitzsimmons before the Olympic Club for five to twenty rounds and for a side bet of \$10,000 to \$100,000 for any purpose offered. The size of the purse can be \$10,000 to \$100,000 in order to show his readiness to fight. Corbett will not insist on a side bet, in regard to the selection of a referee, Corbett is willing to

leave the appointment to W. Greer Harris, son and Maj. McLaughlin.

**Sea Island Muslin.**  
Mill ends of very finest 75c quality, per yard..... 2c

**Bed Ticking.**  
Blue and White Striped Bed Ticking, 75c quality, per yard..... 4c

**Veiling.**  
Black, Brown and Blue Veiling, with chenille dot, regular price, per yard..... 5c

**Lace Remnants.**  
Lace and Embroidery Remnants, in 1 to 5 yard lengths, all kinds and patterns, worth up to 20c yd., Friday Price, per yard..... 5c

**Fine Flannelettes.**  
Mill ends of extra good quality—dark and medium colors, splendid patterns, worth up to 20c yd., Friday Price, per yard..... 5c

**Fancy Eiderdown.**  
Mill ends of extra heavy, double-faced German Eiderdown, worth 25c yd., Friday Price, per yard..... 12c

**Boys' Neckwear.**  
We have a very beautiful stock of Boys' Windsor Neckties, in all the latest colors and styles, worth 10c each, choice Friday..... 19c

## Dress Goods.

The Finest of Fabrics at the Lowest Prices....

**Black English Cheek Boucle.**  
44 inches wide, guaranteed not to shrink, 75c quality, per yard..... 27c

**Ladies' Cloth.**  
32 inch, strictly all suiting—also 44 inch wide, and all pure wool. These are worth from 50c to 75c per yard, but on Friday you may have choice of the three at only—per yard..... 35c

**Surah Serge.**  
44 inch, pure wool, 75c quality, per yard..... 49c

**Holiday Jackets.**

**Ladies' Jacket**  
(like cut) of all-wool Boucle, good weight, with extra wide flaps. They would be good value at \$4 each. Our Price..... \$3.85

**Jackets.**  
Newest styles in Jersey, Persian and Boucle; square, lined throughout with silk, many are worth \$1.50 and some are \$2.00. Our Price..... \$5.00

**Ladies' Jacket**  
like cut, of two-toned Boucle, lined throughout with heavy silk Boucle, cloth band with rows of buttons. Each..... \$10.00

**Kid Gloves for Christmas.**

We bought from C. A. Aufmordt & Co., of New York (one of the largest importers of Kid Gloves in the country), two immense lots of Kid Gloves at almost our own price, and will place them on sale Friday.

**Lot 1—Ladies' Extra Fine Real French Kid**  
Gloves—with shock Proof lining—of large pattern—black and brown only—in the regular way would sell for \$1.50 per pair—Friday..... 69c

**Lot 2—Ladies' Zettie Real French Kid**  
Gloves—with shock Proof lining—of large pattern—black and brown only—in the regular way would sell for \$1.50 per pair—Friday..... 85c

**Grand Leader**  
STIX, BAER & FULLER  
815, 817, 819, 821  
N. BROADWAY  
THE FASTEST GROWING STORE IN AMERICA.

## Extraordinary Silk Bargain.

Friday morning at exactly 9 a. m. we will place on sale about 2000 yards of high-class Black and colored Silk Remnants, ranging from 1 to 5 yards in length, and being an importer's accumulation of odds and ends of finest silks, such as Black Brocade, Tulle, Duchesse, Black Satin Rhinoceros, Black Gros Grains and Fancy Brocade, Striped and Plain. These are worth up to \$2.25 per yard, and not one piece worth less than \$1.25 per yard..... 59c

**Basement Specials**  
For Friday.

**Fancy Prints.**  
Mill ends of best quality, each quality..... 3c

**Bleached Canton Flannel.**  
Very best soft finish, worth 10c, but these are mill ends, so we say..... 7c

**French Cambric.**  
36 inches, best quality and soft finish, a wide fabric well worth 20c a yard, on Friday, per yard..... 9c

**Unbleached Sheeting.**  
Mill end of a splendid quality of Sheeting, 25 yds wide, a yard, on Friday, per yard..... 15c

**Baby Blankets.**  
Of fine warm Eiderdown, while they last you can get them at each..... 25c

**Bed Blankets.**  
Gray or Blue Blankets worth \$1.25 at. Colored Wool—10-4 Mixed Blankets—worth up to \$1.75—each, per pair..... 98c

**Bed Comforts.**  
Bed comfort—worth \$1.50—each, per pair..... 89c

**Very fine Silkoline Covered Bed Comforts.**  
Extra large size—very slightly damaged—worth \$2.25—Friday while they last, each..... \$1.00

**Upholstery Dept.**

**China Silk Scarfs.**  
Large sizes and in beautiful shades, suitable for decorating pictures, mantels or chair backs, would sell for 25c each. Our Friday Price..... 25c

**Mantel Scarfs.**  
Of genuine Tinsel Crepe, in very rich patterns and with deep hand-knotted fringe, would \$1.50 each. Our Friday Price (each)..... 75c

**Head Rests.**  
For chair backs, of fine Crepe, all colors, finished with silk tassels—a comfort—very little left. Our Friday Price..... 12c

**German Henriettas.**  
Finest quality, 12 1/2 twill, 46 inches wide, satin lined, with all the evening shades, such as blue, pink, lavender, lemon, orange, light blue, cream and white, regularly sold at 60c per yard. Our Price, per yard..... 39c

## TOYS, DOLLS, GAMES.

ON THIRD FLOOR. They Are to Be Sold at Grand-Leader Prices, and You Know What That Always Means—The Best for the Least Money.

**Boys' Tool Chests.**  
Not mere playthings, but of real practical use, with a regular \$1.50 Tool Chest, Friday Price..... 89c

**Essel Blackboards.**  
(like cut) sold everywhere at 90c. Our Friday Price..... 19c

**Wash Sets.**  
Complete, from 80c to..... 10c

**Child's Desks.**  
Made of hard wood, varnished, and with stool to match, 98c. Our Friday Price..... 98c

**Girls' Toy Trunks.**  
With tray inside, lock and key, well made and worth 25c. Our Friday Price..... 25c

**Boys' Velocipedes.**  
All sizes, adjustable seat, No. 1. Choice Girls' Tricycles, best make, No. 1..... \$2.49

**Handkerchiefs.**

What makes a better or more acceptable gift? Did you ever know a man, woman or child to have too many of these dainty articles?

**ON SECOND FLOOR.**  
The following special bargains will be found on second floor where there is more room for the crowd of buyers who will attract.

**Corded Border White and Fancy Handkerchiefs.**  
White and Colored Border Ladies' and Men's full size Handkerchiefs, worth 50c each. Our Friday Price..... 2c

**White and Colored Border Ladies' and Men's full size Handkerchiefs.**  
worth 50c each. Our Friday Price..... 4c

**Shades—Silk and Velvet Roses.**  
Buds in all the latest shades—worth 10c per bunch, 3 of our price, per bunch..... 9c

**Ribbons.**  
Hats in all the latest and prettiest shades and colors—worth 10c each, 4 inches wide, ought to bring 25c yard. We say, per yard..... 10c

**Sideboard Scarfs.**  
With hand-made open work: 1 1/2, 2, and 2 1/2 yards long; all made of fine extra wide Satin Damask and well worth \$1.75 to \$2 each. Our Friday Price, each..... 98c

**Fancy Neckwear.**  
A sample lot of Fine Irish Port Embroideries and Fine Oriental Laces, worth up to 20c, Wind-Up Sale Price, per yard..... 5c

**Remnants.**  
Of Ladies' and Men's Handkerchiefs, worth 10c to 25c; Wind-Up Sale Price, per yard..... 2c

**Odds and Ends.**  
Of Ladies' and Men's Handkerchiefs, worth 10c to 25c; Wind-Up Sale Price, per yard..... 2c

**Remnants.**  
Of all remaining Fancy Prints, Wind-Up Sale Price, per yard..... 2c

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**Rings.**  
Solid gold, warranted set ring, with various settings, also a solid gold chased band Ring; either would be a cheap choice Friday (each)..... 48c

**Your choice Friday (each)..... 25c**

**Child's Solid Gold set Ring.**  
assorted styles, worth 75c; Friday, each..... 25c

**Extra heavy 10-karat warranted fancy set Ring.**  
worth 1.00; Friday, each..... \$1.48

**We also carry a beautiful assortment of fine gold rings in all the latest styles at prices up to 40c each and will guarantee a saving of at least third jewelry's prices.**

**Sterling Silver.**  
A choice selection of fancy articles, such as Manicure Files, etc., at jewelry's price \$1.00; our price each..... 50c

**Enameled Lace.**  
Beads with pearls, rubies, rhinestones, etc., regular price \$1.00; our Friday price, each..... 75c

**Smoker Set.**  
Made of wood, designs and a very acceptable gift to one who smokes; we have 50c set (each)..... 75c

**Perfumes.**  
Fine Perfumes in fancy bottles, packed in neat boxes, containing two bottles each, assorted colors, 50c and 25c per basket..... 50c and 25c

**Christmas Cards.**  
A very large assortment of the latest ideas in Christmas Cards and Calendars; prices range from \$2.50 each to as low as..... 1c

**Holiday Boxes.**

**WHITE METAL BOX.**  
Plate, 10c; 12c; 15c; 20c; 25c; 30c; 35c; 40c; 45c; 50c; 55c; 60c; 65c; 70c; 75c; 80c; 85c; 90c; 95c; 1.00; 1.05; 1.10; 1.15; 1.20; 1.25; 1.30; 1.35; 1.40; 1.45; 1.50; 1.55; 1.60; 1.65; 1.70; 1.75; 1.80; 1.85; 1.90; 1.95; 2.00; 2.05; 2.10; 2.15; 2.20; 2.25; 2.30; 2.35; 2.40; 2.45; 2.50; 2.55; 2.60; 2.65; 2.70; 2.75; 2.80; 2.85; 2.90; 2.95; 3.00; 3.05; 3.10; 3.15; 3.20; 3.25; 3.30; 3.35; 3.40; 3.45; 3.50; 3.55; 3.60; 3.65; 3.70; 3.75; 3.80; 3.85; 3.90; 3.95; 4.00; 4.05; 4.10; 4.15; 4.20; 4.25; 4.30; 4.35; 4.40; 4.45; 4.50; 4.55; 4.60; 4.65; 4.70; 4.75; 4.80; 4.85; 4.90; 4.95; 5.00; 5.05; 5.10; 5.15; 5.20; 5.25; 5.30; 5.35; 5.40; 5.45; 5.50; 5.55; 5.60; 5.65; 5.70; 5.75; 5.80; 5.85; 5.90; 5.95; 6.00; 6.05; 6.10; 6.15; 6.20; 6.25; 6.30; 6.35; 6.40; 6.45; 6.50; 6.55; 6.60; 6.65; 6.70; 6.75; 6.80; 6.85; 6.90; 6.95; 7.00; 7.05; 7.10; 7.15; 7.20; 7.25; 7.30; 7.35; 7.40; 7.45; 7.50; 7.55; 7.60; 7.65; 7.70; 7.75; 7.80; 7.85; 7.90; 7.95; 8.00; 8.05; 8.10; 8.15; 8.20; 8.25; 8.30; 8.35; 8.40; 8.45; 8.50; 8.55; 8.60; 8.65; 8.70; 8.75; 8.80; 8.85; 8.90; 8.95; 9.00; 9.05; 9.10; 9.15; 9.20; 9.25; 9.30; 9.35; 9.40; 9.45; 9.50; 9.55; 9.60; 9.65; 9.70; 9.75; 9.80; 9.85; 9.90; 9.95; 10.00; 10.05; 10.10; 10.15; 10.20; 10.25; 10.30; 10.35; 10.40; 10.45; 10.50; 10.55; 10.60; 10.65; 10.70; 10.75; 10.80; 10.85; 10.90; 10.95; 11.00; 11.05; 11.10; 11.15; 11.20; 11.25; 11.30; 11.35; 11.40; 11.45; 11.50; 11.55; 11.60; 11.65; 11.70; 11.75; 11.80; 11.85; 11.90; 11.95; 12.00; 12.05; 12.10; 12.15; 12.20; 12.25; 12.30; 12.35; 12.40; 12.45; 12.50; 12.55; 12.60; 12.65; 12.70; 12.75; 12.80; 12.85; 12.90; 12.95; 13.00; 13.05; 13.10; 13.15; 13.20; 13.25; 13.30; 13.35; 13.40; 13.45; 13.50; 13.55; 13.60; 13.65; 13.70; 13.75; 13.80; 13.85; 13.90; 13.95; 14.00; 14.05; 14.10; 14.15; 14.20; 14.25; 14.30; 14.35; 14.40; 14.45; 14.50; 14.55; 14.60; 14.65; 14.70; 14.75; 14.80; 14.85; 14.90; 14.95; 15.00; 15.05; 15.10; 15.15; 15.20; 15.25; 15.30; 15.35; 15.40; 15.45; 15.50; 15.55; 15.60; 15.65; 15.70; 15.75; 15.80; 15.85; 15.90; 15.95; 16.00; 16.05; 16.10; 16.15; 16.20; 16.25; 16.30; 16.35; 16.40; 16.45; 16.50; 16.55; 16.60; 16.65; 16.70; 16.75; 16.80; 16.85; 16.90; 16.95; 17.00; 17.05; 17.10; 17.15; 17.20; 17.25; 17.30; 17.35; 17.40; 17.45; 17.50; 17.55; 17.60; 17.65; 17.70; 17.75; 17.80; 17.85; 17.90; 17.95; 18.00; 18.05; 18.10; 18.15; 18.20; 18.25; 18.30; 18.35; 18.40; 18.45; 18.50; 18.55; 18.60; 18.65; 18.70; 18.75; 18.80; 18.85; 18.90; 18.95; 19.00; 19.05; 19.10; 19.15; 19.20; 19.25; 19.30; 19.35; 19.40; 19.45; 19.50; 19.55; 19.60; 19.65; 19.70; 19.75; 19.80; 19.85; 19.90; 19.95; 20.00; 20.05; 20.10; 20.15; 20.20; 20.25; 20.30; 20.35; 20.40; 20.45; 20.50; 20.55; 20.60; 20.65; 20.70; 20.75; 20.80; 20.85; 20.90; 20.95; 21.00; 21.05; 21.10; 21.15; 21.20; 21.25; 21.30; 21.35; 21.40; 21.45; 21.50; 21.55; 21.60; 21.65; 21.70; 21.75; 21.80; 21.85; 21.90; 21.95; 22.00; 22.05; 22.10; 22.15; 22.20; 22.25; 22.30; 22.35; 22.40; 22.45; 22.50; 22.55; 22.60; 22.65; 22.70; 22.75; 22.80; 22.85; 22.90; 22.95; 23.00; 23.05; 23.10; 23.15; 23.20; 23.25; 23.30; 23.35; 23.40; 23.45; 23.50; 23.55; 23.60; 23.65; 23.70; 23.75; 23.80; 23.85; 23.90; 23.95; 24.00; 24.05; 24.10; 24.15; 24.20; 24.25; 24.30; 24.35; 24.40; 24.45; 24.50; 24.55; 24.60; 24.65; 24.70; 24.75; 24.80; 24.85; 24.90; 24.95; 25.00; 25.05; 25.10; 25.15; 25.20; 25.25; 25.30; 25.35; 25.40; 25.45; 25.50; 25.55; 25.60; 25.65; 25.70; 25.75; 25.80; 25.85; 25.90; 25.95; 26.00; 26.05; 26.10; 26.15; 26.20; 26.25; 26.30; 26.35; 26.40; 26.45; 26.50; 26.55; 26.60; 26.65; 26.70; 26.75; 26.80; 26.85; 26.90; 26.95; 27.00; 27.05; 27.10; 27.15; 27.20; 27.25; 27.30; 27.35; 27.40; 27.45; 27.50; 27.55; 27.60; 27.65; 27.70; 27.75; 27.80; 27.85; 27.90; 27.95; 28.00; 28.05; 28.10; 28.15; 28.20; 28.25; 28.30; 28.35; 28.40; 28.45; 28.50; 28.55; 28.60; 28.65; 28.70; 28.75; 28.80; 28.85; 28.90; 28.95; 29.00; 29.05; 29.10; 29.15; 29.20; 29.25; 29.30; 29.35; 29.40; 29.45; 29.50; 29.55; 29.60; 29.65; 29.70; 29.75; 29.80; 29.85; 29.90; 29.95; 30.00; 30.05; 30.10;



## Millinery.

Choice of 1800 Walking Hats, Trimmed Sallies and Dress Shapes. Friday..... **19c**

Choice of over 1000 Tam O'Shanter Yachting Caps and Baby Caps in Silk and Velvet; worth from 30c to \$1.00. Choice Friday..... **19c**

## Ribbon Sale.

Ribbons from our great purchase of King, Brinsmade & Co. The line of colors is complete with all the best shades for fancy work and dress trimmings.

No. 1 All-Silk Satin Ribbon, never sold for less than 20c for 10 yards. Be sure and get some of these. Friday, 10 yards for..... **10c**

No. 5 Heavy All-Silk Ribbon..... **3c**

No. 7 Heavy All-Silk Ribbon..... **5c**

No. 9 Heavy All-Silk Ribbon..... **7c**

No. 12 Heavy All-Silk Ribbon..... **9c**

No. 15 Heavy All-Silk Ribbon..... **11c**

No. 22 Heavy All-Silk Ribbon..... **13c**

No flimsy Ribbon—only the best Heavy All-Silk Ribbon—and worth more than double the price we ask.

## Special Flower Sale.

Parma Violets, per bunch..... **2c**

Large Muslin and Velvet Roses..... **5c**

Three in a Bunch Silk Velvet Roses..... **10c**

Fine Satine Violets, six dozen in a bunch..... **25c**

## Ladies' Aprons.

20 dozen Ladies' Extra Large White Lawn Aprons, deep hem, long the strings, regular price 50c, Friday..... **23c**

## Handkerchiefs.

5,000 DOZEN HANDKERCHIEFS, Consisting of Ladies' Swiss, Embroidered, Scalloped, Ladies' Point Vandyke, Ladies' Drawn Work, Hemstitched, and Gent's Colored Border Hemstitched, regular price 15c, this lot Friday..... **3 for 25c**

## Dolls.

The largest and most complete stock of Dolls in the city to select from at a saving of 25 to 50 per cent.

**Special for Friday.**

1,000 Kid Body Dolls, 18 to 20 inches long, real French sequins, head, long flowing hair, worth \$1.50 and \$1.75, Friday..... **98c**

## Vases.

5,000 Decorated Venetian Glass and Real Austrian Vases, in all the latest decorations, Friday..... **25c, 39c, 48c, 69c and 98c.**

worth double.

2,000 Souvenir and After-Dinner Cups and Saucers, in all the latest decorations, Friday..... **25c**

Worth 50c, 75c and \$1.00.

# Tomorrow, Friday.....

Will be the Banner Bargain Day of the year at our Store. Bargains for everybody!

**75c Kid Gloves 75c**

We Lead in Low Prices on Kid Gloves.

We will place on sale for Friday and Saturday an immense purchase of C. A. Aufmordt & Co., 33 and 35 Greene St., New York, one of the largest importers of Kid Gloves in America, bought at 50c on the dollar, Ladies' 4-button and 5 and 7 Foster hook Finest French Kid Gloves, colors Tans, Black, Brown, Red and White. These Gloves have never been sold for less than \$1.50 pair. Every pair warranted and fitted to the hand Friday for..... **PER PAIR 75c**

## Great Sale Friday of Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas.

500 Ladies' and Gents' Silk Serge, Silk Carola and Taffeta Silk Umbrellas, steel rod, cover and tassel, natural loop and crook handles, sterling silver trimmed; would be cheap at \$4.00. **Special for Friday..... \$2.98**

750 Ladies' and Gents' Taffeta Silk and Silk Carola Umbrellas, with natural loop and crook silver-trimmed fancy Dresden and Ivory handles, steel rod, cover and tassel, sold by other houses for \$5.00, **Choice Friday for..... \$3.48**

# Coats, Suits and Furs...

At almost your own price. We have cut the prices on these goods to less than one-half actual wholesale prices. We must get rid of the stock, as we have a great deal too many. Take advantage of this sale.

## Ladies' Jackets.

A lot of All-wool Beaver Jackets, in black only, made with new high button neck, large buttons, new sleeves, all sizes; former price \$7.50..... **\$3.00**

## Plush Capes.

A lot of Fancy lined Plush Capes, richly beaded and braided, full wide sweep, thibet fur trimming; regular price \$11.50..... **\$5.95**

## Ladies' Suits.

Phenomenal Reductions.

A lot of Tailor-made Suits, black, blue and fancy mixtures, former prices \$8.50 to \$11.50..... **\$3.95**

All our Tailor-made Suits that sold up to \$15.00; in this sale..... **\$6.50**

All our Tailor-made Suits that sold for \$18, \$20 and \$25..... **\$10.00**

## Ladies' Skirts.

A lot of Figured Mohair Skirts, all lined, 4 yards wide, worth \$2.75..... **95c**

A lot of Very Handsome Brocade Silk Skirts, all large patterns, percale lined, velvet binding at bottom, worth \$12.00..... **\$5.95**

## LADIES' WAISTS.

A lot of new style Figured Fleece Back Flannel Waists, detached collar and cuffs, regular price \$1.98..... **98c**

A \$7.00 Corduroy Velvet Waist, made of the best imported heavy corduroy, worth all of \$7.00..... **\$2.95**

## XMAS FURS.

Children's Angora Fur Sets, muff and collar, worth \$2.00..... **98c**

Child's Natural Lynx Sets, muff and collar, worth \$1.50..... **69c**

Child's Fancy Angora sets, neck scarf, with head and fancy head on muff, worth \$3.75..... **\$2.50**

Ladies' Black Coney Fur Neck Scarf..... **98c**

Fancy Neck Scarfs and Muffs at Half Furriers' Prices.

## THE HORSE WAS BUSY.

Threw Young Turner and Pawed Off Kaufman's Ear.

A horse ridden by Edward Turner, a colored boy of 16 years, living at 2213 Convent street, took fright at Twenty-first and Gratiot streets Wednesday morning and ran away.

Turner was thrown off and sustained a fracture of his left arm and severe internal injuries.

The horse continued its mad flight, and a few blocks distant knocked down Henry Kaufman of 806 North Twenty-second street.

One of the animal's hoofs struck Kaufman on the side of the head, tearing off his right ear. He sustained other painful but not dangerous injuries.

## JIM CRONIN HAS A "GUN FIGHTER."

THE AMIABLE MR. SWEENEY SHOOT AT ATHLETE DEVINE.

POLICE MADE NO ARRESTS.

Devine Says Two Sergeants Refused to Take Charge of the Murderous Barkeeper.

Doc Sweeney, Alderman Cronin's understudy and confidential barkeeper, has developed into a "gun fighter." He is only an amateur, and really isn't as effective with a revolver as he is with a bottle or a bit of lead pipe, but he is coming fast.

With the aid and encouragement of the police he is getting practice and if he has good luck he may murder somebody before he and Cronin have another foot race.

Jack Devine, the athletic young drummer from Cincinnati, who sprang into notoriety because he thrashed a crowd of toughs in Cronin's Twelfth street dive and lost his job because of the notoriety, figured as Sweeney's latest animated target.

Devine has opened a private gymnasium here since he lost his place as a salaried salesman. As he tells the story, a friend of his came here from Chicago Tuesday, having heard of the fight in Cronin's, wanted to see the place.

Devine didn't want to go, but his friend insisted, and after midnight they visited the dive. Sweeney was behind the bar.

Devine and his friend ordered drinks. Before Sweeney served them, he executed a maneuver under the bar.

It was probably a signal, for four or five toughs came out of the back room. They surrounded Devine and his friend and looted them with the evident purpose of precipitating a fight.

"See here," said Devine, "I didn't come in here to fight. I came to drink. Just as soon as I get the drinks I'm going to leave, so be kind enough not to annoy me."

"Oh you ain't so hot," sneered one of the Alderman Cronin's friends.

Another one closed the door.

"If you insist on a fight," Devine began to shed his coat.

This was Sweeney's opportunity to make a record as a gun fighter. He whipped out a revolver and fired at Devine.

The toughs scattered as the bullet made a hole in the wall, ten feet above the floor. Devine and his friend fled out the door just as Sweeney put another bullet close up to the ceiling.

"Of course," said Devine, "I am not bullet proof." He said further that he went to the Four Courts and told what had occurred.

Two sergeants whose names he does not know, went with him to Cronin's, and he pointed Sweeney out as the man who shot at him.

Sweeney displayed his revolver, and threatening to use it, ordered Devine out. The police were so palpably cowed by the Alderman's barkeeper that Devine fled.

He claims that the officers refused point blank to arrest Sweeney.

No one acquainted with conditions in police circles is surprised at this. Sweeney is backed by Cronin and it is notorious that the police have a deeper and more abiding fear of the First Ward statesman than they have of Chief Harrison.

The police have kept quiet about this latest attempt at murder in Cronin's saloon, and Cronin's men are industriously circulating a report that Devine called at the place to clean out "do rag" again and was so badly beaten that he probably went to the hospital.

There is not a scratch visible on Devine and he declares that no one struck him.

Devine is knocking with Cool Herbert now and the latter is strong in his denunciation of the Alderman's barkeeper as a "gun fighter."

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IT WAS QUITE MILD ON THE PROFESSIONAL BODSMEN.

ASKS BETTER BOOK-KEEPING.

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It is suggested that a better system of bookkeeping be inaugurated, with proper checks upon each officer receiving funds and more frequent examination and checking up of the accounts with and coming under the revised Missouri Statutes, Section 11.

The jury was then discharged.

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## MERIT MAKES IT FAMOUS.

The Only Remedy in the World, Except a Surgical Operation, That Will Certainly Cure Any Form of Piles.

The study of physicians, the experiments of chemists, the loudly advertised pretensions of quacks, have been for years expended in one direction; to find a pile cure that would cure.

The results have been a number of harmless and in most cases useless ointments, suppositories and even internal remedies, which the public have weighed in the balance of experience and found wanting; nearly all of them gave some relief, but nothing approaching a radical cure resulted from these preparations.

The remedy required is one which will immediately stop the pain to sever in many cases of piles, and then by contracting the small blood vessels (capillaries) to their normal size, produce a cure by reducing and finally absorbing the tumor and healing the inflamed, raw mucous surfaces.

Until two years ago, no such remedy had been produced, but at that time a suppository was placed upon the market, which has since proven itself to be the long sought permanent cure for this common and distressing trouble; it has rapidly become famous throughout the United States and Canada, and is now sold by nearly all druggists under the name of the Pyramid Pile Cure.

It is now the best known, because its merit and safety have advertised it wherever used. It has been advertised by word of mouth, from one sufferer to another; people who had tried everything else, even submitting to painful and dangerous surgical operations without avail have finally found that piles may be cured without pain and without expense, practically, as the Pyramid Pile Cure is sold for the nominal price of 50 cents and \$1 per package.

The Pyramid instantly stops all pain and at the same time contains no cocaine, morphine or narcotics; the acids and healing properties contained in the remedy speedily remove, cause a healthy, natural contraction and absorption of the tumor; it will cure any form of rectal trouble except cancer and advanced fistula, which, by the way, nearly always result from neglecting proper and timely treatment for piles.

As above stated, can furnish you with the Pyramid Pile Cure at 50 cents for ordinary size or \$1 for large package.

A book on cause and cure of piles sent free by addressing Pyramid Co., Albion, Mich.



## Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any real disease, but simply to a congested condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. This is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

## PEOPLE ARE TOO HEALTHY.

Doctors Can't Kill Them and Undertakers Gro Broke.

The people of St. Louis are getting into a habit of staying alive, which is giving the undertakers and doctors and Mortuary Clerk Dr. Conrad Karges no end of annoyance and concern.

The undertakers especially think they are getting the worst of the deal. They come into the mortuary office every day and groan and grumble about the business. Dr. Karges can't help it. In fact, he belongs to the grumblers himself.

The doctors are not so directly concerned as they get their money whether the people die or not, but they, too, are dissatisfied with the condition of things. One of them was talking business to Dr. Karges Thursday.

"It beats everything," he said, "it seems like the people have quit dying. A few consumptive persons are shutting off, but that's about all."

Dr. Karges has solved the question. "The trouble," he says, "is that there are too many doctors. Now, here, I have just made out a list of all the doctors in St. Louis."

## NEW CHRISTMAS GOODS.



DAINTY TOY FURNITURE.

We have the prettiest line of Metal Toy Furniture and Novelties ever shown in this city. It is something entirely new, being finished in enamel lacquer of different colors and handsomely upholstered and trimmed. Must be seen to be appreciated. Not expensive.



OUR NEW COASTER.

Nothing could please a boy more than one of these Coasters. They have a double brake and are strongly built. We sell them at about one-half their worth.



THE HARMLESS GUN. SHOTS A SMALL HOLLOW RUBBER BALL.

No danger whatever. Can not harm any one, break windows, or injure the furniture. Just the thing for "Young America" who like to shoot.



OUR NEW SEE-SAW.

FOR INDOORS OR LAWN.

The latest novelty for the amusement of children. Substantially made and neatly finished.

Parlor Games, Skates, Air Rifles, Bicycles, Velocipedes, Tricycles, Pocket Knives, and thousands of other articles suitable for Holiday Gifts.

## E. C. MEACHAM ARMS CO.

306 and 308 N. Fourth St.

building the dues were never larger than \$20 and most of the time less.

At the present time they say the building is nearly paid for and there is no need for an increased revenue.

## WRITTEN STATEMENTS.

The Investigating Committee Receiving Information Unsolicited.

Written statements from two citizens in regard to the conduct of the City Central Committee during the late campaign were received Wednesday by the Committee of Investigation.

Secretary Blevins declines to state the purpose of these documents, but he says they are of importance.

"The committee wants all the information it can get," said Mr. Blevins, "and written statements from reputable men will have as much weight as oral evidence. Many men object to being known in connection with this investigation. They don't want to appear in person because they dislike to offend any one. That is one reason why the investigation is being conducted in secret."

Mr. Francis M. Eades, who was a candidate for Circuit Judge on the Democratic ticket, and President of the A. Hill of the Bryan Workingmen's Club, were before the committee Wednesday.

"You may state for me that the suggestion that Mr. Stephens has interfered with the committee is absolutely false," the committee is in session again this afternoon.

Her Mind Is Failing.

Kate Eberhardt, a domestic employed by Louis Zink of 1712 Olive street, was taken to the City Hospital Wednesday for observation. She was taken into custody at the request of Mrs. Zink, who stated that she has been acting queerly for several weeks.

Those who oppose the movement will make a determined fight. They claim that the proposed sale is entirely unnecessary as the school is in no way in need of money, but in a flourishing financial condition. They point to the fact that during all the years the exchange was struggling to pay for its

Walking Boots.

Women's Kangaroo and Box Call Invisible Cork Sole Boots, Button and Lace, New Round and Razor Toes,

**\$3.00.**

## Hagan & DeMuth,

Broadway and St. Charles.











## VICOMTE LIONEL DE DAMPIERRE.

HE WANTS TO SIGHT HIS MAN  
OVER A BROWN BARREL.

HE SAW THE FRENCH CONSUL.

Does Not Know That He Will Call Up  
on Miss Bridge, but He De-  
sires Blood.

The streets of St. Louis are about to be  
drenched in blood.

Le Vicomte Lionel de Dampierre has  
come to town and threatens to fight at  
least one duel and do other things before  
he goes away.

He is the Parisian nobleman concerning  
whom an anonymous letter reached Chief  
of Police Harrigan several weeks ago, car-  
rying condemnation to Mrs. Bridge of 381  
Delmar avenue and Miss Mary Bridge, her  
daughter.

The letter stated that the Vicomte was  
coming to St. Louis to entrap Miss Bridge  
into matrimony, denounced him in strong  
language and declared that he was man of  
questionable character.

Ignorant of the reputation that had pre-  
ceded him, the Vicomte arrived in St. Louis  
Wednesday morning. He registered at the  
Lindell Hotel and shortly afterwards sent  
his card to an address he believed to be  
Mrs. Bridge's. The messenger returned with  
the information that the family at that  
address did not bear the name of Bridge.

Thursday morning, Vicomte Lionel de  
Dampierre breakfasted late. Lingered a  
moment in the hotel lobby, and then he  
visited L. Seguenot at the French Consulate.

Having learned of the letter, Le Vicomte  
de Dampierre turned to Mr. Seguenot for  
assistance, because the latter is the French  
Consul to St. Louis. The Vicomte had al-  
ready paid the gentleman a visit. After re-  
ceiving the unsatisfactory reply to his card  
Wednesday, he hunted up the French Con-  
sul and submitted his credentials to him.

The two gentlemen were standing at a  
window in Mr. Seguenot's office, 108 North  
Eighth street, in earnest conversation,  
when a Post-Dispatch reporter went there  
in search of the Vicomte Thursday morn-  
ing.

As soon as the reporter's identity became  
known, Mr. Seguenot addressed a few words  
to the Vicomte in French and was replied to  
in the same language. Then the Vicomte  
said that he did not care to be interviewed.  
He had nothing whatever to say and hoped  
nothing would be said.

"I have promised to say nothing," said  
the Vicomte, "and I shall keep my promise."  
Mr. Seguenot was thorough in accord  
with the sentiment expressed by his guest.  
He, too, had nothing to say.

"It is not time," remarked Mr. Seguenot,  
"to examine into matters and make my  
statement."

"You have examined the Vicomte's cred-  
entials, have you not?" inquired the re-  
porter.

"Oh, yes."

"Are you convinced that he is all right?"  
"Oh, yes," replied Mr. Seguenot, "but not  
another word would he say."

Further questioning failed to elicit from  
the vicomte his plan of procedure now that  
he is in St. Louis, either in regard to Miss  
Bridge or the persons who took an interest  
in the letter to the extent of saying what  
he would do if the Vicomte "dared" come  
to St. Louis.

According to all accounts the foreign gen-  
tleman was not so reticent Wednesday  
evening. He is quoted as having declared  
that he would hunt up a young man who  
participated in an interview between a  
newspaper reporter and Miss Bridge, on the  
occasion of the letter to Chief Harrigan,  
and have satisfaction from him for the  
remarks credited to him. The Vicomte is  
said to have used the following language:

"I have been in two of these affairs be-  
fore and I have always said that I would  
be compelled to participate in a third one."

He is also quoted as saying that he had a  
good idea of who was responsible for the  
slanders circulated against him, and would  
hunt them up. As for his presence in St.  
Louis, Miss Bridge had nothing to do with  
it. He was merely on a pleasure jaunt, hav-  
ing sailed from Paris Nov. 14, and having  
visited Montreal and New York City be-  
fore coming to St. Louis.

His acquaintance with Mrs. Bridge and  
her daughter, he is quoted as explain-  
ing, dated from the fact that he had, last  
summer, when he had the privilege of ex-  
tending them a slight service. They met at  
other places, and when about to take their  
departure from Southampton, telegraphed  
him at Paris of their intention. He was in-  
vited, he is quoted as saying, to visit them  
in St. Louis, and was given their address by  
Mrs. Bridge.

As for the anonymous letter, the Vicomte  
denounced it as false and slanderous. He  
stated that he had never expressed any in-  
tention of visiting Miss Bridge be-  
fore departing from Paris, and that he had  
still contemplated carrying out his inten-  
tion Thursday morning, he refused to say.

When the anonymous letter was received  
by Chief Harrigan, it created a sensation.  
Mrs. Bridge and her daughter explained at  
the time that they had met the Vicomte  
casually during their travels in Europe  
last summer and that he had subsequently  
attempted to bestow upon them unwelcome  
attention.

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## "UNSANITARY" NOT "UNHEALTHY."

DIFFERENTIATION OF CONDI-  
TIONS AT THE BARRACKS.

COL. HENRY MISUNDERSTOOD.

All He Wants Now Is an Appropria-  
tion to Make Necessary  
Changes.

Opposition to the scheme to abandon  
Jefferson Barracks developed so rapidly  
and assumed such strength that the hope  
of carrying it out died almost as soon as it  
was born.

Lieut.-Col. Henry less than a week ago  
seemed to think the only salvation for the  
3d Cavalry was a hasty retreat to some  
spot where the sink hole would cease from  
troubling and the malarious microbe would  
die of inanition. It now develops that he  
does not consider the post "unhealthy," but  
"unsanitary."

There is no question that the post could  
be vastly improved by the expenditure of a  
few thousand dollars. A new hospital, a  
new drainage system should be put in; the  
water supply should be increased, and the  
old quarters should either be replaced with  
modern structures or remodeled.

Capt. Summerhayes, the contracting  
quartermaster at the barracks, has  
provided plans for repairs on the hospital.  
Whether this will be a wise expenditure of  
money is open to argument. It is urged  
against it that a new hospital for an eight-  
company post could be erected for \$15,000 or  
less, and that this would be cheaper and  
more satisfactory than remodeling the old  
building at a cost of from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

On the other hand, it is claimed that the old  
hospital is a bad one, and that the danger  
from the left-over germ has been exaggerated.

Capt. Summerhayes has recommended that  
the water supply be increased by the laying  
of a ten-inch main to take the place of the  
inadequate six-inch pipe now in use. When  
that is obtained there will be water power  
enough to blow out the rotten old water  
connections. This will make it necessary to  
put in new ones and that is one of the prin-  
cipal wants of the post.

The officers at the barracks, with the ex-  
ception of Col. Henry, like the place, and  
they will use their influence against any  
plan to abandon it.

They have formed social ties in St. Louis  
which they do not wish to break, and they  
are satisfied that no change would be to  
their discredit. The older members of the  
command, again excepting Col. Henry, be-  
long to the St. Louis Club and their juniors  
to the University Club.

As to Col. Henry, men who know him  
suggest that some injustice may have been  
done him. He certainly is peculiar and in-  
tensely unsocial, but it is not known that  
those who are thrown with him that he is  
churlish or mean of temper. He is simply  
devoted to social duties. He doesn't smile,  
he never tastes wine; regards tennis, bill-  
iards and cards with aversion, doesn't go in  
for literature; in short he has no gregarious  
instincts.

The impression that he is desirous of social  
prominence is erroneous. He doesn't want  
to be "entertained" and he won't entertain  
others. Efforts have been made by the of-  
ficers of his regiment to get him to join in  
plans for recreation, but they have been  
ably been unsuccessful.

He is quoted as saying that he likes St.  
Louis and objects to coming here for rea-  
sons entirely unconnected with the location  
of the post. He is in St. Louis, he says,  
like to be transferred. No other officer at  
the barracks wants to leave and the chances  
are that if he goes he will go alone.

A joint meeting of the committees ap-  
pointed by the Legislature to investigate the  
exchange was held at 3 p. m. in the  
Loyal Legion's room.

The committee members will visit the  
Barracks and make a report of their own  
on conditions there.

The extent of the patronage St. Louis mer-  
chants get from the barracks has been in-  
vestigated in the newspapers. It is a trifle  
over \$100,000 a year.

**BANKED ON THE PREACHERS.**

And She Says Her Confidence Was Not  
Misplaced.

Among the first of those who took ad-  
vantage of the offer of the Post-Dispatch  
in connection with the People's Bible His-  
tory was a lady who is quite prominent in  
church and Sunday-school work in this  
city. She had read the recommendations  
of the book by the pastors of St. Louis,  
and she said it at once occurred to her  
that any publication that would call forth  
such unanimous approval from the repre-  
sentative pastors of the different religious  
denominations as she had read in last  
Sunday's Post-Dispatch must surely be  
something possessing very exceptional merit,  
and she concluded she would become a  
possessor of it on the strength of their  
say-so. There were two things she said  
she felt quite satisfied about. The first  
was that the pastors who had so flattering-  
ly approved the work were competent  
judges, and second, that no consideration  
could induce them to pass such encomiums  
on anything unless the merit was there to  
warrant it.

This morning the Post-Dispatch received  
a letter from the lady, and though it was  
not intended for publication, the liberty is  
taken for making the following extract  
from it:

"I am indeed delighted with my purchase  
and have the pride in showing it to sev-  
eral of my friends from whom you will  
receive replies. How I wish that book  
could be placed in the hands of every  
young man and woman of this great city—  
and buoy up their faith in God and in  
His Holy Word. I am sure I wish you a  
large measure of success in your laudable  
enterprise."

The Post-Dispatch is quite gratified to  
receive this and other expressions of ap-  
proval of its endeavor to disseminate what  
it believes to be one of the grandest lit-  
erary productions of the present age. This  
has been the only one in the country which  
has been able to make an arrangement  
with the publishers whereby its readers  
might obtain the work on easy terms of  
payment. This arrangement, however, only  
permits the continuance of the present of-  
fer for one week longer. So that those  
who contemplate ordering the work should  
hasten to do so.

At the counting-room of the Post-Dis-  
patch are two gentlemen who are thor-  
oughly conversant with the scope of the book  
and its general aim, and they will be  
glad to show it to those who wish to  
examine it, and to answer any questions  
that may arise. For a Christmas gift to  
children, there is nothing more  
valuable than the People's Bible His-  
tory. See advertisement in another column.

**PRACTICAL JOKERS' VICTIMS.**

One Man Dead and Another Badly In-  
jured.

Every little while the Dispensary doctors  
are called on to treat a victim of the cruel  
practical joker. A couple of weeks ago, a  
green German took the practical joker's ad-  
vice and some turpentine internally for his  
rheumatism. He died a couple of days  
later at the City Hospital.

The practical joker never dies. He came  
across Joe Welsh, a laborer, living at 1033  
Brooklyn street a few days ago. Mr.  
Welsh had a sprained wrist. The practical  
joker told him to apply a mixture of cam-  
phor and hydrochloric acid. Welsh did so  
and also rubbed a little on some pimples  
on his face.

He called at the Dispensary Thursday  
morning with a badly swollen arm and  
an awful face.

Dr. Newcomb treated him and sent him  
home. He will probably lose his right eye.

**Lady Scott Very Sick.**

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Lady Selina Scott,  
the principal shareholder in the suit brought  
against her and three men by the en-  
sign, Earl Russell, for criminal libel, is  
suffering.

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Superior Workmanship and absolutely the  
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300 English Box Coat Jackets, with shield front and  
high rolling collar, made of Beaver. English twills  
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175 Handsome Plush Capes, trimmed with Thibet all  
around, full sweep, well lined, worth \$15.00, at..... \$5.99

**SUITS.**  
An odd lot of about 55 Ladies' Suits, English Twills, Scotch  
Mixtures and Imported Flain Cloths, all desirable colors  
and mixtures, tight fitting box coat, Blazer and Empire  
coat effects, some worth up to \$25, choice while they last..... \$4.99

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**SPECIAL.**

150 Handsome Black Velvet Hats, trimmed with ostrich  
feathers, imported flowers and ornaments, value \$10, at..... \$3.98

200 stylishly Trimmed Hats, worth \$5.00, at..... \$2.50

50 dozen Untrimmed Felt Hats, all this season's shapes,  
worth up to \$2.00, at..... 15c

500 dozen more of those fine Black Ostrich Tips,  
three in a bunch, worth 75c, at..... 23c

200 pieces more of All-Silk, Satin and Gros-Grain Ribbon  
No. 40, all desirable colors, worth 35c, at..... 11c

**Newest and Prettiest  
"Wine Color" Shoes.**

**LADIES' Wine Color Willow Calf Lace**  
Shoes, made in the new round Savoy  
toe, Goodyear welt, extension soles, pat-  
ent adjustable tongue, made with the  
Sleeper patent flexible insoles; requires no  
breaking in; is more comfortable than an  
old shoe. Wine color is the latest fall fa-  
vorite for street wear, and this is one of the  
swiftest styles and richest shades  
brought out this season; all sizes and widths;  
\$5.00 worth of style, comfort and durability at..... \$3.50

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ty of Groceries at the Very Lowest  
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AT OUR STORE AS  
WELL AS IN THIS  
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Mixed Candy, very fine  
(five kinds), a pound..... 7c  
California  
Prunes, 6 lbs. for..... 25c  
Pine Sugar-Cured Bacon,  
per lb..... 8c  
Pine Sugar-Cured Ham,  
per lb..... 10c  
Choice Canned Apples,  
2 doz. (3 lb. cans), per case..... 90c  
Choice new Figs,  
per lb..... 5c  
Imported Castile Soap,  
a bar..... 25c  
Door Mats  
(large, good quality)..... 35c  
Fine Bourbon Whisky  
(Marion County), per gal..... \$2.00  
Bottled Beer (pints or  
quarts), per case..... \$1.00  
5-pound can (our own)  
Baking Powder..... 50c  
X-mas shoppers will bear in mind we  
carry a full line of Nuts, Candy, Figs,  
Dates and lots of other good things.

Send for Free Postal Cards. You will  
find them very handy when you want to  
order Groceries—or telephone us. In  
either case, we deliver promptly and  
quickly.

**HE MET JOHN THOMAS BRADY.**

The Honor Overcame Quinn and He  
Landed in the Hospital.

One A. R. Quinn, a clerk at the Edison  
Hotel, yesterday afternoon went into the  
sore-painted hall at Ninth and Walnut  
streets, where Benedict John Thomas  
Brady holds sway. He demanded wassail  
and got it. The celebrity with which  
he handled it filled John Thomas with ad-  
miration. He put his understanding behind  
the bar and said he would go along with  
Quinn, who was protesting the bad  
lands, and bear him free from harm.

The pair got into a row on the Eight-  
eenth street bridge. John Thomas drew a  
billy and played the xylophone on  
Quinn's head. Bloody but still bellamond-  
ed, the hotel clerk was taken to the City  
Hospital.

**SHOT SIX TIMES.**

Bloody and Fatal Encounter Between  
Two Texans.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.  
HUNTSVILLE, Tex., Dec. 10.—Jo Darter  
shot and killed Frank Ward here last  
night, shooting him six times at close range.  
Ward was unarmed. He died instantly.  
Darter was arrested by Marshal Maxey  
and locked up. Both parties were from  
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and I used to have difficulty in  
breathing at times and feel as  
if something had stuck in my  
throat, especially after eating,  
and I always had to be careful  
what I eat. I dared not eat  
pastry or hot rolls, and at times  
I would get dizzy in my head. I  
tried doctor's medicine, and it  
only relieved me for a day or so.  
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taking. I had about three or  
four boxes and I am cured. I  
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can eat any kind of food that is  
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## THE MARKETS.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 10. Beecham says the latest advice from Athens is to reduce the estimate of the surplus at least 20 per cent, and the prospects are still very favorable.

Domestic—Under date of Nov. 27, says: Agricultural prospects in Great Britain have greatly improved. Wheat crops are increased, and with favorable weather will be a record. But farmers are working energetically to complete as much as possible before the end of the year. The dry cold weather is not inimical to the crops, but the frost and the severity of the winter in Northern Italy are the prospects are marred by rain. In Southern Italy the prospects are marred by rain.

Russian seedling prospects in Southern Russia, large areas left over after spring, but in Northern and Western Governments the autumn work was done under favorable conditions, and the prospects are satisfactory and singularly bright in good condition. Moreover, reports received from India will require no further comment. In Argentina, India and the United States, the crop prospects are full of promise, and probably 100,000,000 lb. will be sold under the end of December. In the United States, the crop prospects are full of promise, and probably 100,000,000 lb. will be sold under the end of December.

The grain market is quiet and unchanged. 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## MR. MILNER WINS WITH HANDS DOWN.

THE DELEGATES WERE FORCED  
TO COME TO HIS TERMS.

TOWN TO GET CROSS-WALKS.

The Commissioner Says That Limestone Is No Good, So We Are to Have Bricks.

The action of the House of Delegates in reconsidering and passing the bill providing for the appropriation of \$4,000 for crosswalks, has terminated a war over paving material between Street Commissioner A. N. Milner and certain of the delegates.

The delegates have surrendered and the people will get crosswalks. If the delegates had maintained their position the people would have got no more crosswalks this winter.

Mr. Milner believes in putting down crosswalks which will last. Granite, granite and brick will last. Granite is too expensive and granite is not easy to repair. Brick is medium in cost, and it is easy to repair. Mr. Milner therefore favors brick.

When Mr. Milner's assistant drew up the ordinance it provided for \$2,000 worth of limestone crosswalks and \$1,000 worth of brick crosswalks. Mr. Milner handed it back to him and told him to draw up a new one for \$3,000 worth of brick crosswalks.

The Board of Public Improvements recommended the passage of the ordinance and it went to the House of Delegates. It was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements. Mr. Borch, chairman of the committee, is a partisan of bricks, but several members represent wards in which are located limestone quarries. The bill was reported adversely and the House fled it.

That was when the war began. Mr. Milner told the members he would see them in a place deeper and better than the deepest quarry before he would submit an ordinance providing for the use of a material less durable than brick. The limestone delegates gasped.

"You people don't want any crosswalks," said Mr. Milner defiantly, "all right, I am not going to recommend limestone crosswalks. You can depend on that. The limestone delegates gasped again. They had not thought of that. Their constituents wanted crosswalks. Their constituents had voted and they outnumbered the quarry men a hundred to one."

The limestone delegates did some deep thinking. The ordinance was called up with the decision the men of office took. Mr. Milner said in his big arm chair and smiles and smiles. He says that if the cost of the crosswalks should be paid by the property-owners he would not say a word, but as long as the city has to pay for them, he proposes to see that it gets something for its money.

"I am not using my position for a stepping stone to a second term or something equally as good," he says. "I am going to do my duty to the city, and if I do not, I will have the displeasure of all the delegates and contractors. I don't think I will have any trouble in getting another job. The delegates are not going to use me to foist upon the public a worthless paving material."

"I will never give my consent to the laying of any more limestone crosswalks. It is money thrown away. You ought to take a ride around town and see the miles and miles of crumbling limestone curbs and gutters. It lasts only a few years. I am glad the House of Delegates reconsidered its action, because the crosswalks are badly needed. If all the delegates and contractors there would have been no crosswalks laid between now and the end of my term."

It is alleged that since 1894, Sharden has been defrauding railroads by obtaining certificates and selling them to ticket brokers. He has a ministerial appearance and he found no trouble in passing himself off as a clergyman.

On Jan. 3, 1895, he was arrested in Chicago for defrauding the railroads and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment in the County Jail. On his release he went to Denver and resumed operations.

Two weeks ago he came to St. Louis and obtained board at 128 Washington avenue. He said he was the son of a Presbyterian minister at Lexington, N. D., and applying to the railroads for ministerial certificates he made the mistake of using two different aliases in his correspondence with one official.

Private detectives were put on Sharden's trail and a warrant was obtained for him. He learned that fact before the paper could be served on him and fled. He was located in Columbus, Kan.

**CITY'S RAKE-OFF IN COURT.**

Laclede Gas Company Case for a Percentage Tried.

The right of the city to exact from the Laclede Gaslight Co. 5 per cent of its gross receipts for private electric lighting was argued before Judge Wood in the case of the city against the Laclede company to recover \$4,500.

In March, 1889, Charles A. Brown contracted to light the city north of Washington avenue by electricity. He agreed to pay the city 5 per cent of his gross receipts for furnishing electric light and power to private houses and corporations.

In June, 1890, Brown assigned his contract to the Laclede Gaslight Co. The company held that its charter gave it the right to furnish electric light and power to any part of the city without restriction by the city and it returned to pay the 5 per cent. Then the city sued.

## Friday Specials in Ladies' Underwear and Hosiery.

Misses' all-wool Black Tights, actually worth \$1.25, special for Friday at **49c**

Ladies' All-Wool Black Tights, open and closed, sold all season at \$1.25, Friday **75c**

Ladies' Jersey Ribbed Heavy Weight Vest and Pants, actual value 25c, for a Friday day **14c**

Ladies' All-Silk Tan Colored Hose, sold at \$1.25, Friday they are yours at the new price **98c**

Ladies' Fancy Lisle and drop-stitched Hosiery, imported to sell at \$1.00, Friday at Famous **49c**

Ladies' All-Wool Silk Spliced Union Suits, small sizes only, actually worth \$4.00, Friday **\$1.48**

Ladies' Imported Swiss Ribbed all-wool Vests and Pants, never before less than \$1.50, Friday **98c**

One Lot of Misses' All-Wool Vests, Pants and Drawers, in natural and camels' hair, sizes 16 to 24, size 16, worth 25c, Friday **15c**

Rise 5c for each larger size. All Sizes Dr. Benton's Sleeping Garments for children, worth 75c, choice Friday for **45c**

## Sample Line of Men's and Boys' Winter CAPS.

120 dozen in all, including Flashes, Castimers, Worsteds and Astrachans—all go in two big lots at two shattering prices.

The \$1.00 and \$1.50 Kind **49c**  
Go at **29c**

The 75c and 80c Kind **29c**  
Go at **29c**

## Free Exhibition of the Donetoscope

Every half hour in our Great Holiday Bazaar, Third Floor.  
Come and bring the children to see it. Not a cent to pay.

# FRIDAY BARGAINS

To-Morrow Must Do the Work.  
The Balance of the Stock of Our Great  
**MILLINERY** Purchase of  
S. Strauss & Co.  
Must Be Closed Out To-Morrow.  
Startling Bargains—Goods Given Away.  
MUST HAVE THE ROOM FOR HOLIDAY GOODS.

One lot of UNTRIMMED HATS,	One lot of FANCY BIRDS, FEATHERS, Etc.,	One lot of OSTRICH TIPS, 3 in a bunch,	One lot of VELVET ROSES, 3 in a bunch,
<b>1c</b>	<b>5c</b>	<b>19c</b>	<b>10c</b>
Trimmed Hats at Prices That Will Astonish You.			
TRIMMED HATS, worth \$3.00.....	<b>98c</b>	TRIMMED HATS, worth \$5.00.....	<b>\$1.98</b>
QUILLS, worth 10c, <b>1c</b>	Special. 100 Trimmed Hats, made of fancy braids and velvet, excellently trimmed, beautiful for them. ...	Lot FANCY BRAID, per yard, <b>1c</b>	
75 dozen IMPORTED HATS, worth up to \$2.00, <b>25c</b>	125 dozen Black Ostrich Plumes, worth \$1.00.....	50 dozen Very Fine FANCY FEATHERS, worth up to \$2, <b>25c</b>	

**Fascinators.** 25c  
All colors, worth 75c.

**Infants' Booties.** 8c  
Hand-made, all colors, worth 25c.

**Perfume.** 5c  
Fancy Glass Bottle, with  
Glass Stopper, filled  
with best Perfume,  
worth 40c.....

**Atomizers.** 10c  
Colored Glass  
Atomizers, worth 40c.....

**VELOCIPEDES.** 95c  
Buy the boy one—all  
prices—down  
a good one  
at.....

**Bargains in DOLLS.** 25c  
Big Dolls, 24 in.  
long—patent head  
with hair—lace  
hubb, gowns, shoes  
and stockings,  
worth  
75c, for... **25c**

Jointed Doll, natural  
curly hair, the  
kind sold all  
over at 25c,  
yours at  
Famous for only **15c**

Send Cash With Mail Orders.

## SALE OF THE Peifeld STOCK OF JACKETS and CAPES.

**BIG MONEY-SAVING PRICES.**

This Jacket, Black or  
Beaver, worth  
\$1.48

This Jacket, rough boucle  
material, black, navy,  
green, etc., worth  
**\$3.75**

This Jacket, heavy and  
kersey, rough material,  
worth \$1.50,  
**\$7.50**

This Jacket, satin lined,  
rough chevrons, worth  
\$1.50,  
**\$5.00**

This Jacket, fancy made,  
satin lined, worth \$1.50,  
**\$1.98**

This Jacket, satin lined,  
worth \$1.50,  
**\$10.00**

This Jacket, heavy and  
kersey, satin lined,  
worth \$1.50,  
**\$2.50**

This Jacket, heavy and  
kersey, satin lined,  
worth \$1.50,  
**\$7.50**

This Jacket, heavy and  
kersey, satin lined,  
worth \$1.50,  
**\$10.00**

**LOTTO.** 10c  
Packed in good  
strong boxes,  
from  
down to  
**10c**

**BOOKS.** Large line of Heavy  
Bristol Board Covered  
Books, cloth edges, Holiday  
Fun, Jolly Jingles, Mother's  
Day, etc., all at  
all 5c books here at..... **15c**

McLoughlin's Book, B. C.  
Picture and Story Books, full  
price..... **5c**

The 10c kind for..... **5c**

The 15c kind for..... **10c**

The 20c kind for..... **25c**

**TOY TRUNKS.** 10c  
Imitation leather  
cover—fancy zinc  
cover—all prices  
from \$1.98 down to  
little  
ones at..... **10c**

**CHAIRS.** 10c  
All kinds and  
Kendall  
Rockers and  
Chairs from  
\$2.98  
down  
to  
**10c**

## 500 Dozen MEN'S FEDORA HATS.

Go on sale to-morrow at the lowest  
price quoted in years. They're the  
latest shapes and styles—black and  
brown colors to choose from—would  
be considered grand value at \$1.50.  
Friday your choice of  
the lot for..... **75c**

## Reduced Prices on Men's Fine Furnishings.

These items are  
for To-Morrow,  
and as much  
Longer as They  
Will Last.

Gents' White all-silk Hemstitched  
Handkerchiefs, with heavy  
embroidered initials,  
others ask 80c, at Famous..... **25c**

Gents' Hemstitched Batiste and  
all-linen Initial Handker-  
chiefs, made to sell at 25c,  
Our Price..... **12c**

Elegant Assortment of Plain Batiste,  
silk and all-linen suspenders,  
worth 75c, yours at Famous..... **50c**

High Grade Silk Batiste Assorted  
Mummers, worth \$2.25,  
yours at Famous..... **\$1.50**

New Line of Gents' High Grade  
Socks, put up one in a  
box, worth \$1.00 and \$1.25,  
here at..... **75c**

Gentlemen's Elegant 38-inch  
silk Gloria Umbrellas, with  
carved horn handles,  
worth \$4.00—Famous..... **\$2.50**

Best silk Taffeta umbrellas, with  
best silk Taffeta, suitable  
for ladies, others ask  
\$7.00, yours at Famous for..... **\$5.00**

## BOYS' and CHILDREN'S ATTIRE.

The week's tremendous selling has left many broken lots in its trail. These have been rounded up for quick selling to-morrow at such vastly reduced prices as will make short work of them. Read the list carefully and be on hand promptly.

**Knee Suits.** 25c  
Ages 2 to 8, made reefer style,  
with large sailor braided col-  
lar, ages 7 to 15, made double-  
breasted; all-wool chevrons,  
cassimeres and Tweeds, dou-  
ble seats and knees, elastic  
bands and riveted buttons—  
warranted to never rip or  
fade—actually worth \$5.50 and  
\$6.00,  
special Friday  
bargain..... **\$2.37**

**Knee Suits.** 39c  
Ages 2 to 15 only—We've got too many  
left to sell at 39c, so we've  
changed the price on 300  
of the 35c kind  
for Friday only to..... **\$3.98**

**Middy Suits, Reefer Suits,  
Vestee and Sailor Suits.** 29c  
About 300 to select from—  
more than 100 of every  
size, but no complete run  
of sizes of any kind—Fri-  
day you can have your  
choice of the entire lot,  
we're  
\$4.50, \$5 and  
\$6, for..... **\$2.98**

**Youths' Suits.** 4.00  
Ages 12 to 20 years.  
300 suits in Blue and Black  
Cheviots and a variety of  
colors, in overalls and  
check—all well made of  
substantial wear-resisting  
materials—single or double-  
breasted—the  
and 17 kind;  
made to sell at \$10.00,  
and \$12.50, choice Friday  
bargain..... **\$4.00**

**Youths' Suits.** 7.70  
Ages 12 to 20.  
Blue and Black Fancy Clay  
Diagonals and Worsted Cheviots,  
Nobby Scotch Tweeds, heavy smooth,  
fine worst cassimeres—single or  
double-breasted—all suits that sold  
earlier at \$10.00 and \$12.50,  
and those in-  
cluded in our recent pur-  
chases made to sell at \$10.00,  
and \$12.50, choice Friday  
bargain..... **\$7.70**

**Girls' and Boys' Leggings.** 75c  
Tan and chocolate leather—black and tan  
and brown kersey cloth—corduroy and  
jersey Leggings—one and three  
buckles—choice of 300 pair that  
were \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2, Friday for..... **75c**

**Reefers.** 97c  
Blue Chinilla—made with  
sailor collar—trimmed with  
braids—advertised by others  
at \$2.50, and always  
sold by us at \$1.48,  
Special Friday  
bargain..... **97c**

**Reefers.** 2.98  
Ages 2 to 8, made with Sailor  
Collars—Ages 5 to 15, Ulster  
and Vester Collars—made of  
soft long nap Chinilla, cut  
square and stylish—well  
made and lined—actual  
value \$5.00, Our Special  
Friday bargain..... **\$2.98**

**Astrachan Reefers.** 2.98  
Ages 2 to 8—Red, green, brown,  
black and blue—made of the kind  
others call Astrachan, and  
which we have been  
selling at  
\$3.98, yours  
Friday for..... **\$2.98**

**Ulster and  
Cape Overcoats.** 2.98  
About 200 Coats—worth \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00,  
\$8.00—broken strings and  
others call Astrachan, and  
which we have been  
selling at  
\$3.98, yours  
Friday for..... **\$2.98**

**Young Men's Overcoats.** 3.98  
Ages 12 to 20 years.  
Brown, Stone Gray, Blue and  
Black—Aurora Belt—made of  
fine front-velvet collar—same  
length and shape as the 35c  
coats—the regular price is  
\$10.00—yours  
Friday only..... **\$3.98**

**Knee Pants.** 37c  
Ages 2 to 15 years.  
200 pair made of Heavy All-  
wool and Union Cassimeres,  
Cheviots—strongly made—perfect fitting—  
more than half of them have dou-  
ble seats and knees—elastic bands  
and riveted buttons—\$1.50 and \$2,  
yours at Famous Friday  
bargain..... **37c**

**Flannel Waists and Blouses.** 37c  
All sizes—more than 50 dozen to choose  
from—twenty different colors—made  
of all wool Twill flannel—cut-  
ton or laced fronts—regular  
\$1.00 Waists—Friday bargain..... **37c**

**CHINA TOY TEA SETS**  
Nicely decorated, packed  
in neat box, good ones for **10c**  
A Special Bargain  
in our 24-piece  
large size set for..... **\$1.23**

**NOAH'S ARKS.** 10c  
All prices,  
from 10c down to..... **10c**

**TIN STOVES.** 23c  
Filled with all kinds of tin  
cooking utensils, just the  
thing for the house where  
some little one  
happy..... **23c**

**BIJOU  
AIR  
RIFLES.** 75c  
Best made—  
we sell the  
\$1.98 kind for  
\$1.50..... **75c**

## SOME SWEETNESS AND SOME LIGHT.

EARNST FOLLOWER OF KOOT  
HOOMI IS "IN OUR MIDST."

WILL TELL US ABOUT HIM.

Also Mr. Burcham Harding Will Talk  
About the Octagonal Crusade  
Around the World.

St. Louis is entertaining a distinguished  
Theosophist in the person of Mr. Burcham  
Harding of New York.

Mr. Harding is known from one end of the  
country to the other as the lecturer of the  
Theosophical Society in America. Though not  
an adept, Mr. Harding is known as one of the  
foremost workers in the cause of Theosophy  
in this country. He will deliver two  
lectures while in St. Louis; the first next  
Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at the  
Church on The Octagonal Crusade  
Around the World. The second lecture will  
be delivered at the same place Monday  
night on "The Purpose of Theosophy."

He expects to remain for some time giving  
talks on Theosophy in various parts of the  
city.

Mr. Harding is a man of striking appear-  
ance and scholarly manner and is intense-

ly interested in his work. He is a well-to-  
do business man and devotes his time and  
money to the cause of Theosophy without  
compensation. He comes here from Chicago,  
where he spent two weeks lecturing.  
From there he will make a tour through  
Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Dakota and  
the Northwest.

"I am traveling about," said Mr. Harding,  
"to explain the theosophical doctrine of  
brotherly love. This doctrine is the basis  
of the Theosophical belief. We hold  
that this love has a scientific basis as well  
as a supernatural one."

The great aim of the society is to ex-  
ploit this scientific basis of brotherly love  
to eliminate selfishness from the nature

of men. We have no paid lecturers. We  
are in sympathy with no religious sect  
and we think that the paid ministry is  
one of the great evils of the day.  
The society is in a flourishing  
condition. Mrs. Catherine A. Tingle,  
the present head of the society in America,  
is a splendid leader and, in my opinion, an  
adept. In accordance with the custom of  
the society, she has chosen a successor  
by the late William C. Judge, just as he had  
been chosen by Madame Blavatsky.

"Man has a dual nature; a personal na-  
ture centered in the brain; and a divine na-  
ture, or personal and bodily desires, pas-  
sions and lusts, and also a divine nature,  
which is in his spiritual and omnipot-  
ent—the God within us. An adept is one  
who has thoroughly controlled the body  
and its passions and desires and has made  
it amenable to the divine nature. The adept  
within enables that soul to work on a di-  
vine plane through the body as a vehicle."

**BURCHAM HARDING.**

At Schuyler Memorial House, the Locust  
street, at 4 o'clock this evening an inter-  
esting program will be given in anni-  
versary celebration of the birth of the  
Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, the founder of  
deaf mute instruction and the first great  
educator of the deaf in America.

The word Mahatma so often applied to  
adepts is a combination of two words, Maha  
and Atma, meaning a great soul, a great  
person. "A true adept has divine attributes,  
and is possessed of all wisdom and all power.  
The adept state is symbolized by the third  
stage of initiation in Masonry and similar  
organizations."

"The most interesting thing in the world  
of theosophy just at present is the cru-  
ade around the world now in progress.  
The adepts are busy in the progress of  
the Revival of the Lost Mysteries of  
the East and the world now in progress."

"Eight crusaders started from New York  
in June to make a tour of the world. They  
have been throughout the British Isles  
and Europe, preaching the doctrine of the  
unity and brotherhood of all mankind.  
They have just passed through Egypt and  
are now in India. From there they will go  
through Australia, New Zealand, China and  
Japan, returning to San Francisco next  
May."

"On their return to New York in April  
they will lay the foundation for the School  
for the Revival of the Lost Mysteries of  
Antiquity. The school will be founded in  
America. There has been no similar insti-  
tution in the world for more than 2,000  
years."

"It will be managed and conducted by  
adepts, who will teach the real truths of  
man's soul and of the powers and force of  
nature. This will cause a revolution in  
science, religion and all lines of thought,  
for instead of depending on human sources  
for knowledge we shall have divine sources.  
Instruction will be free, but can be  
given only to those fitted to receive it. The  
qualifications will be an entirely unselfish  
nature and the conquest of all desire to  
use the theosophical powers for personal ends.  
The students must have reached that state  
of personal development where they will be  
impossible to misuse these powers."

The Theosophical Society and the Esoter-  
ic School of Theosophy have been for some  
years quietly preparing people for students  
in the proposed school. The school will be  
unselfish leaders, and those to govern it  
who are imbued with wisdom. The work  
of theosophy has been along these lines, and  
the great end will be brought about through  
the revival of the lost mysteries of antiquity."

**Gallaudet Anniversary.**

At Schuyler Memorial House, the Locust  
street, at 4 o'clock this evening an inter-  
esting program will be given in anni-  
versary celebration of the birth of the  
Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, the founder of  
deaf mute instruction and the first great  
educator of the deaf in America.

**Busy Bee Bargain Day To-Morrow.**

Peppermint Creams 10c a pound.  
Banquet for Bayard.

## OUR NEW IMPORTATION OPERA GLASSES..

Has arrived and is now ready for inspection. It  
comprises all the Latest Novelties, very many of  
which are not shown by any other St. Louis house.  
The prices we paid enable us to Retail these  
goods at Wholesale Prices, and you will keep  
money in your purse by coming here first. Pearl Opera Glasses from \$2.25 up.  
Our stock of Seasonable Novelties is more complete than any other in St. Louis,  
and they go at Wholesale Prices also.

Gold Spectacles from \$2.50 Up.

**St. Louis Optical Co., Locust St.**

**SAMUEL WAS A DAISY.**

Stunned the Judge and Lawyers With  
a Verbal Bouquet.

Samuel Serl was the most sensational  
prisoner that has been in Police Court  
some time. He was ragged, dirty and old.  
His straggling beard of tobacco drippings  
and hay seed told of his indolence and where  
he was in the habit of sleeping.

He had been arrested on Manchester ave-  
nue while begging on the strength of a pe-  
tition signed by a lot of fictitious names.  
Two police officers "finched" the case on  
him before his evidence was heard Thurs-  
day morning, and he was given an oppor-  
tunity to explain himself as a matter of  
formality.

But Serl took advantage of the opportu-  
nity. Such a burst of oratory has not been  
heard since the palmy days of Jefferson  
Davis. Serl.

The education and training that had lain  
latent for many years came to the surface  
as he told the Judge and City Attor-  
ney Clover a bouquet of rhetoric that  
stunned them.

After he had exploded that under the  
unwritten laws of mankind he was allowed

to live and permitted to obtain a main-  
tenance in an honest way since he was unable  
to work, he quoted the four decisions of the  
Supreme Court in the case of the Committee  
on the Judiciary, which he read in a  
loud voice and told the court in what  
books the decisions could be found and the  
number of the pages on which they were  
written. The Judge found one of the de-  
cisions as told.

Then in language which was bitter than  
the words of a scold, he said that the  
most Police Court lawyers use, he explained  
how he had caught pneumonia in a railroad  
wreck and been reduced to a physical  
wreck himself. Unable to work, he had to  
live on the streets.

He was fined \$5 and the fine was stayed  
for a few days to give him time to get  
out of the city.

**Relief Corps Election.**

Gen. Lyon Relief Corps No. 48, has elected  
officers as follows: President, Marie Mc-  
man; Senior Vice-President, Louise Ham-  
ilton; Junior Vice-President, Laura Mettman;  
Chaplain, Catharine Wittmer; Treasurer,  
Matilda Bauman; Conductor, Fanny Bern-  
ard; Guard, Nellie Butler; Delegate to De-  
partment Convention, Louise Serl.

**Busy Bee Bargain Day To-Morrow.**  
Peppermint Creams 10c a pound.

**TELEGRAPH BRIEFS.**

The Andrews Packing Co., Pueblo, Colo.,  
has assigned with \$50,000 liabilities.  
The highwaymen wounded at Fairfax, Va.,  
Monday, by the station agent, has been ex-  
torted.

The slaughter-house of Fred Keeling at  
St. Charles was robbed by burglars Wednesday  
night.

Senator Wolcott will be chairman of the  
committee which is to try for international  
bimetallism.

Employees of the Pacific Rolling Mills, San  
Francisco, Cal., have struck on account  
of reduction of wages.

The 60th year in journalism of Alexan-  
der McClure of the Philadelphia Times was  
celebrated with a banquet.

It is rumored that Speaker Reed will ap-  
point John Patterson to be the Committee on  
Rules to succeed Mr. Crisp, deceased.

A receiver was appointed for the col-  
lapsed silver mine of Ada, Idaho, which  
has been on exhibition at Topeka, Kan.

Chas. Simpson stabbed and dangerously  
wounded a colored man, Charles Cook, at  
Mandeville, Miss., because of a chicken  
fight.